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Cambridge 1888-1988: a Chronicle

Cambridge can seem little changed for over a century

But change the view slightly and it is almost unrecognisable

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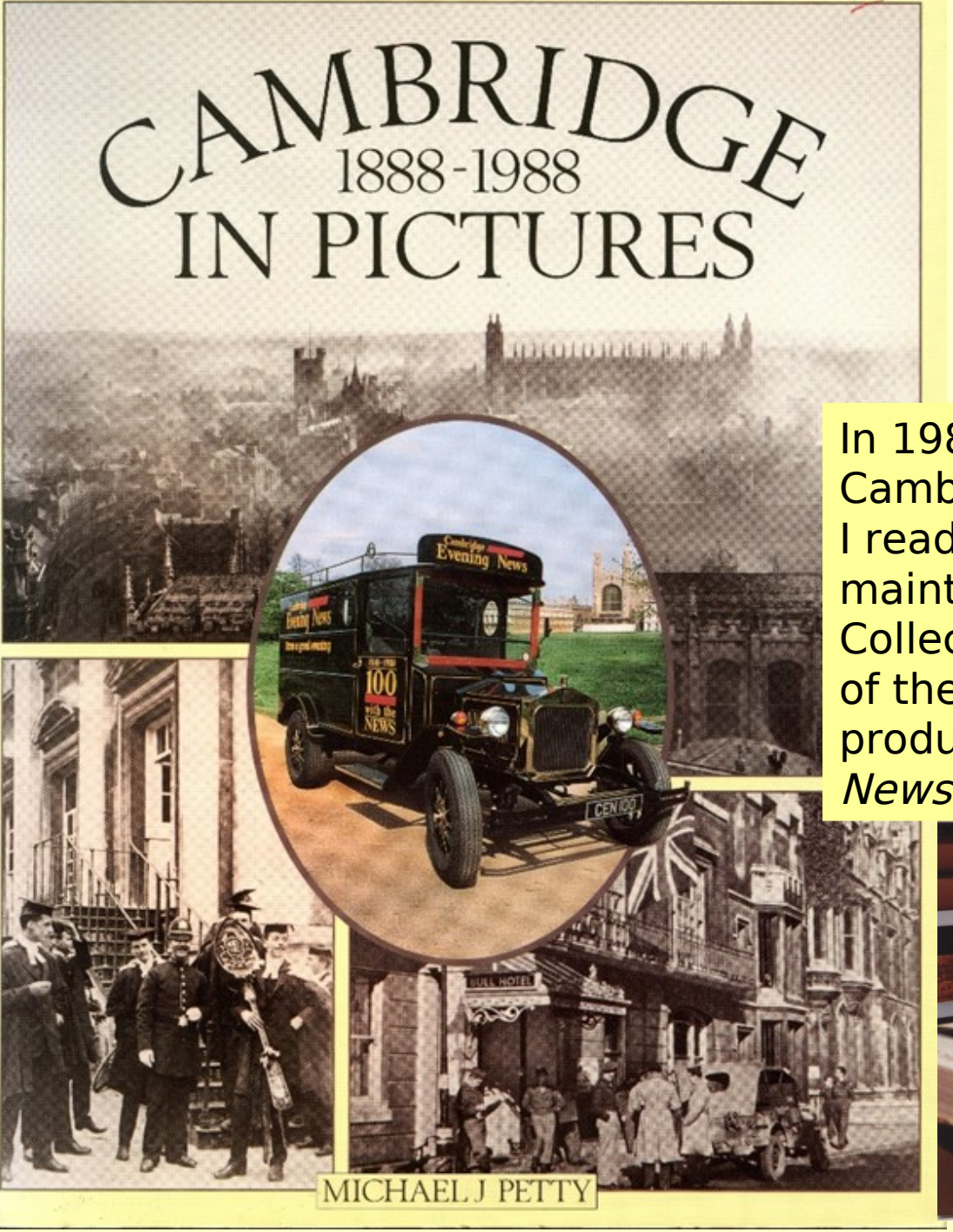

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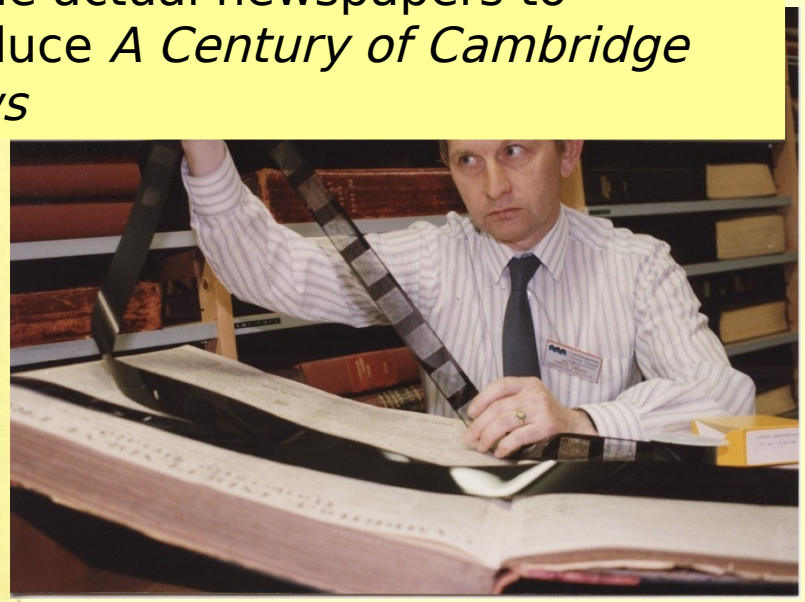

For 20 years I compiled a ***Looking Back*** column recording stories published 25, 50, 75 and 100 years before. This is online as *A Cambridgeshire Scrapbook*

A Cambridgeshire Scrapbook 1897-1990

Facts, Features and (occasional) Fallacies
reported in Cambridge Newspapers

Summaries of Stories and Copies of Articles

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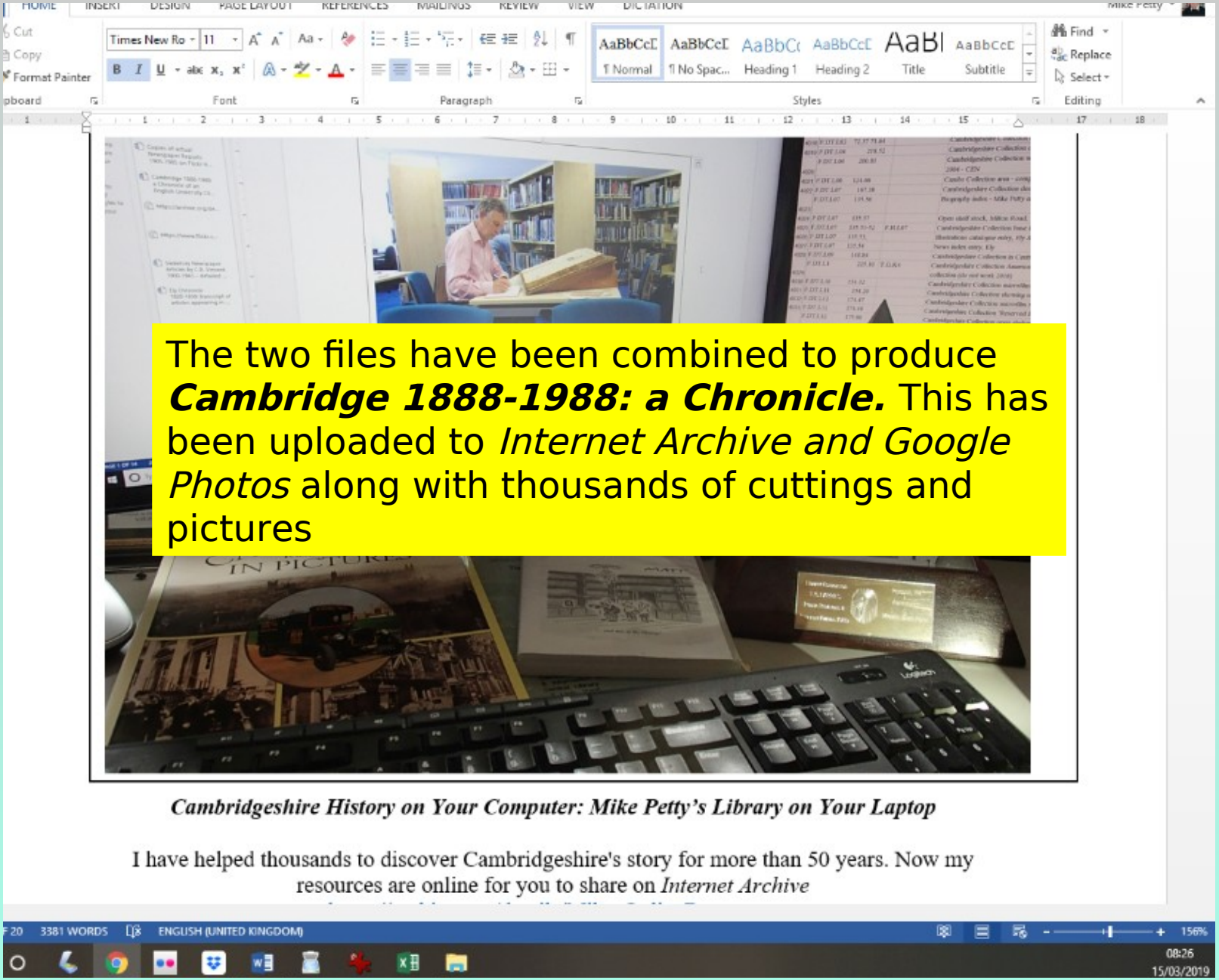
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c.02 : Events, Royal visits etc

Queen Elizabeth II visits Guildhall, 1955 *107.53*

headlines

It is little known that the Master of Trinity College has the prerogative of remaining covered in the presence of the Sovereign and on one occasion when Queen Victoria visited Cambridge he kept his hat on. The Queen apparently did not notice the circumstances and he began to feel uncomfortable. At length he said; "Your Majesty has perhaps wondered that I should be so far lacking in respect, but Lord Kingsale in Ireland, Lord Forester in England and the Master of Trinity have a right to keep their hats on in the presence of their Sovereign". "Quite so – ahem – but not in the presence of a lady" was the Queen's freezing reply. CDN 20.5.1904

*The **Chronicle** is arranged by topic using the **Cambridgeshire Collection** classification scheme*

c.02: events

c.03 : museums

Enid Porter at Folk Museum *123.52*

headlines

1897 Sometime in the course of Tuesday night a desperately determined attempt was made obtain entrance to the Fitzwilliam Museum. which in its invaluable pictures, its gems, and its magnificent collection of articles of ancient and modern art would, if successfully broken into

c.03: Museums

c.04: Newspapers

Delivery vehicles outside Cambridge Daily News offices, St Andrew's Street, 193

143.64

Cambridge NEWSPAPERS Chronicle, by Mike Petty

1886 01 09
Labourers News was published by Ald. W.P. Spalding; started 9th Jan 1886, a small four-page sheet called 'The Labourers Friend; but then changed to 'Labourers' News'; was enlarged in August; was attempt to educate new voters in sense of responsibility, published in Conservative interest; gradually more village news appeared much concerned with start of new Conservative clubs – 43 08 07 ... politically promote good old cause, uphold Union [NS.1.18] [TT 43 08 07] [File in the Cambridgeshire Collection]

1888 05 28
First CDN 28 May 1888, CWN six months later. CDN first editor was a Mr Andrews who stayed a short time, then George William Townsend, previously chief reporter – reminiscences – 38 06 11a [89 02 08, 21 01 08TT] [File in the Cambridgeshire Collection]

1889
Granta founded, succeeding Gadfly which banned [53 05 23]

1889 02 08
First CWN 8.2.1889 [7.11], claim largest weekly circulation [NS.1.5] [File in the Cambridgeshire Collection]

1889 03 15
Cambridge journalist's presentation [4.6]

1891 04
Death of Dr Robertson, editor & past proprietor of Cambridge Independent Press [1891 04 Rev.Yr]

1960-1964 CamNews
2410 items · Shared

1962 CamNews
445 items · Shared

Cambridge News
GIE'S LION RD SECRET IS OUT
Rumours of big Kremlin swop
South Vietnam put end to relations with France
NAYLORS

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c.06 - auctioneers, house prices etc

Hockey & sons, auctioneers in Bene't Street, 1937 *10110*

1907 'The Cambridge and District Property Register' published by Hockey, estate agents, comprises a list of 200 houses to be let or for sale. They vary in price from £75 to £2,500 with rents from £14 to £100. There is also a list of shops and business premises including seven lodging-houses. With several excellent coloured views this register is a very creditable production 07 09 04a

1908 The sale of the estate of Mr R.R. Rowe, late Borough Surveyor, includes a block of property mid-way between the station and the Post Office which would be suitable for the erection of a college, church, hotel or other business purposes. The residence known as Park House on Parkside, together with houses in Fitzroy Street, King Street and French's Road are also offered in the largest sale held in Cambridge for some long time. 08 02 25 & a & 29

1909 Harry William Wallis, auctioneer, said he taken over the business from his father in 1907

c.06: estate agents & sales

c.12 : weather. meteorology, astronomy

Snow on the Backs, April 1908 *109.27*

c.12: weather

headlines

1889 severe thunderstorm causes extensive damage [2.5]

1891 wall at Hyde Park corner blows down in gale, girl killed [2.2]

1894 serious floods [4.18,1.5]

1895 great frost lasted from January to March unbroken except for very brief thaws; 18 to 25 were snowstorms, floods & north-west gales; frosts of 15 to 20 degrees turned of acres of flooded land into skating rinks; for 2 months was possible to skate from Cam Grantchester or Ely. Three fields at Newnham flooded & electric lights allowed skaters

c.12.5 – flood

Campkin Road July 1970 *89.33*

1894 serious floods [4.18,1.5]

1913 The heavy and almost continuous rains are having a serious effect in Soham. The whole countryside is saturated and ditches full to overflowing. At Greenhills water is level with the cottagers' gardens and paths and roads are impassable. the outlook is extremely serious. A hundred acres are flooded due to the unsafe condition of the river bank which is in a state of collapse. Farmers fear grain will rot in the ground, some having been covered with water since before Christmas. The roads are in shocking condition, the heavy farm traffic having cut them up to such an extent it is impossible to cycle over them 13 01 24 p11 CIP

1914 serious floods - worse since 1879 [2.24]

1914 Storm and Floods, responsible for considerable damage to telegraph and telephone wires

c.18 : trees, gardens, natural history

Lopping tree, Maids Causeway, 1962

headlines

1892 trees planted along Victoria Avenue [1.9]

1894 Victoria Avenue trees removed as need room for Royal Agricultural nursery plot on Chesterton side of river, replanted when over [1.9]

1897 Chesterton Road limes planted to commemorate Queen Victoria's D [1.10]

1906 years ago Cambridge was noted as a centre growing the finest tulips now reviving [3.5]

c.18: trees, gardens

c.19 animals, birds

Midsummer Common 1967 155.76

headlines

1897 A babel of sound greets you as you enter; some four hundred members of the canine tribe lift their voices in chorus. From end to end the Corn Exchange is filled with benches tenanted by dogs of every breed, size and colour - a sight to gladden the hearts of the Cambridge Canine Society committee at its first show which, if excelled in future years, will require a larger hall c1897 10 29

1898 When Judge Hawkins came to Cambridge on one occasion he essayed to bring his dog with him into Trinity College. But the head porter refused to allow it to be brought within the precincts and persisted even after it had been made known to him that it was the dog of one of her Majesty's judges. The judge was angry at the time, but sent for the head porter and told him that he was right, making him a present in recognition of his trustworthiness c1898 12 21

1901 "Knackeries", are places where diseased and other horses and cows are slaughtered. The common instrument used is the "pole-axe" which requires a large amount of practice to despatch an animal properly. Others resort to the gun, shot cartridges being preferable to bullets. The flesh is cut off the bones, boiled and sent to London for cats' meat, the fat is boiled down and sold for greasing carts and the bones ground into manure. Through all this work of killing, bleeding etc

c.21.1 : Health

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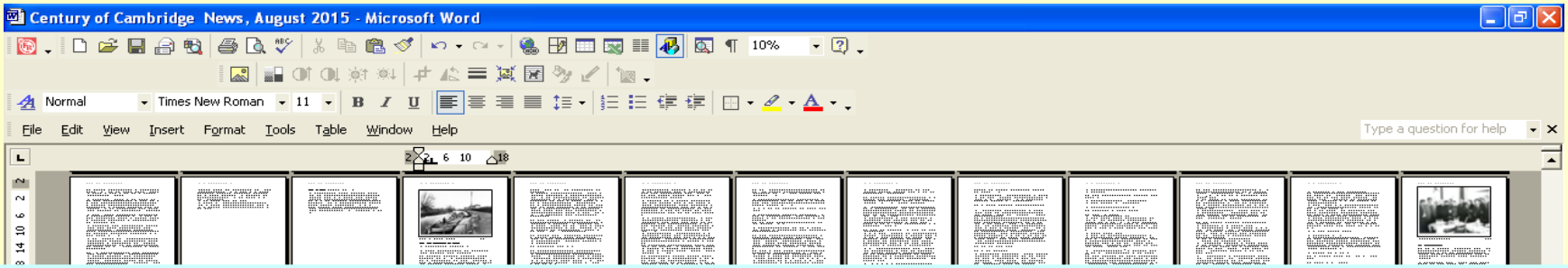
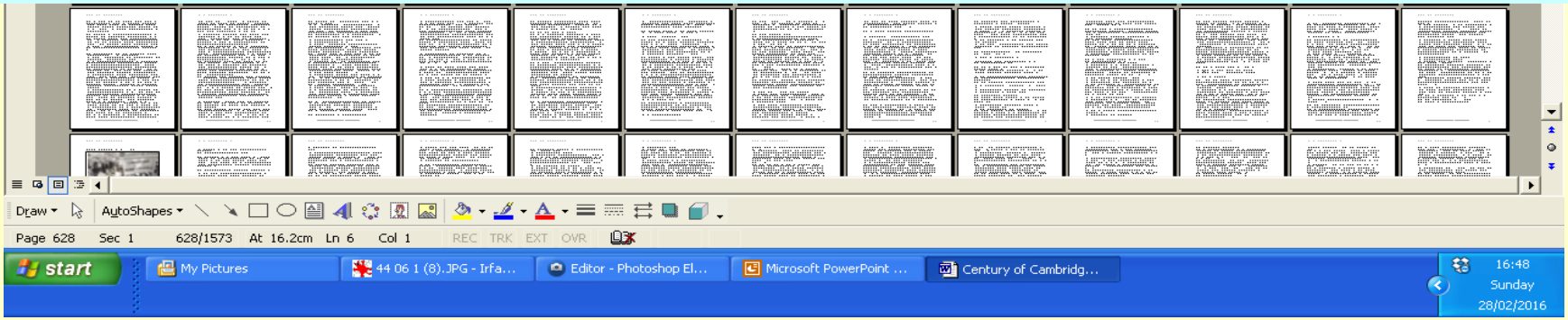
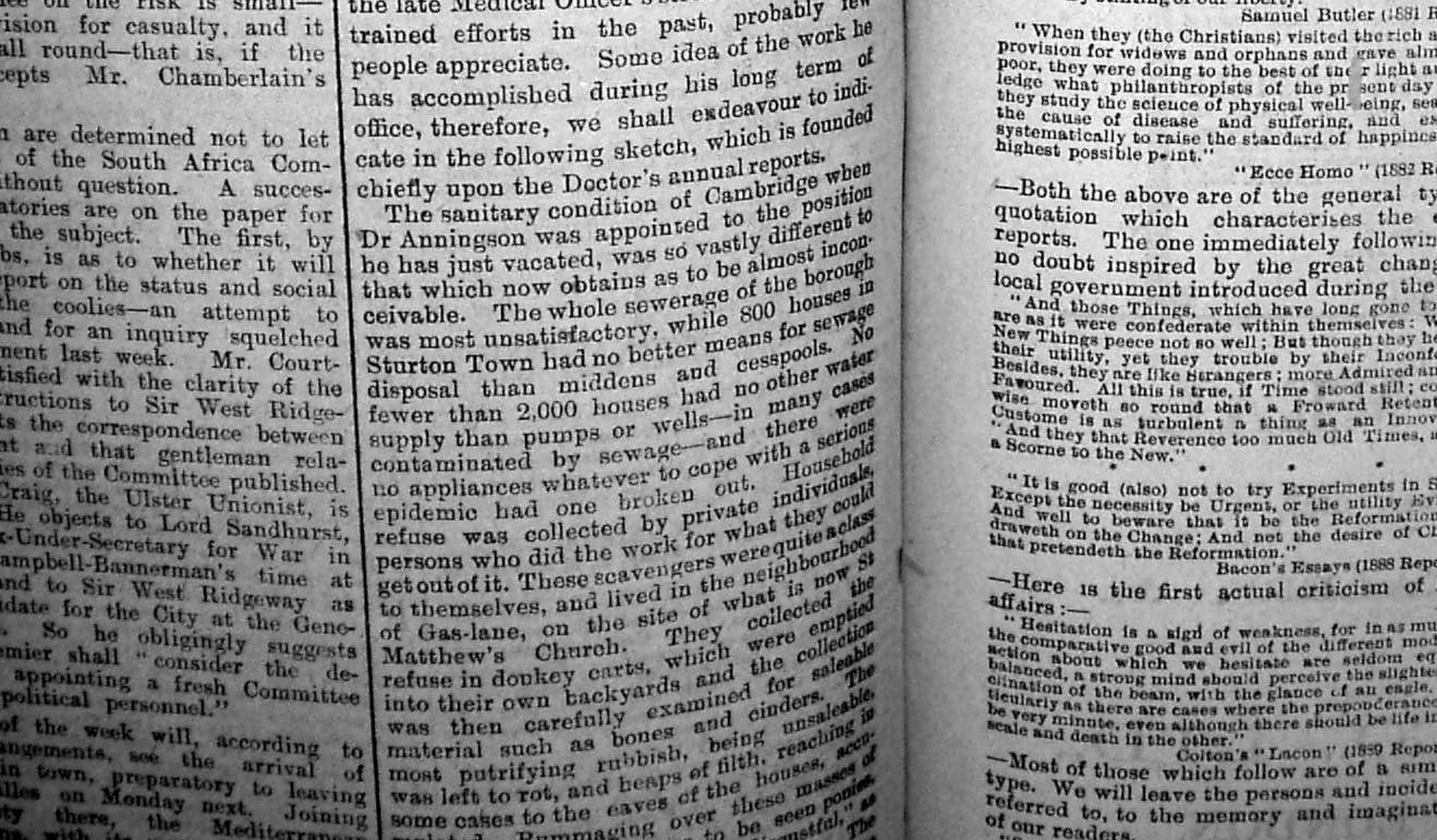


1906 Dr Bushell Anningson has served as Cambridge Medical Officer of Health since 1875. Then the whole sewerage was most unsatisfactory and 800 houses in Sturton Town had only middens and cesspools. 2,000 houses had no water supply other than pumps or wells – in many cases contaminated with sewage – and there were no arrangements to cope with a serious epidemic. Household refuse was collected by private individuals who did the work for what they could get out of it. They used donkey carts which were emptied in their own backyards in the neighbourhood of Gas Lane where it was examined for saleable material such as bones and cinders. 06 03 28a





trained efforts in the past, probably few people appreciate. Some idea of the work he has accomplished during his long term of office, therefore, we shall endeavour to indicate in the following sketch, which is founded chiefly upon the Doctor's annual reports.

The sanitary condition of Cambridge when Dr Anningson was appointed to the position he has just vacated, was so vastly different to that which now obtains as to be almost inconceivable. The whole sewerage of the borough was most unsatisfactory, while 800 houses in Sturton Town had no better means for sewage disposal than middens and cesspools. No fewer than 2,000 houses had no other water supply than pumps or wells—in many cases contaminated by sewage—and there were no appliances whatever to cope with a serious epidemic had one broken out. Household refuse was collected by private individuals, persons who did the work for what they could get out of it. These scavengers were quite a class to themselves, and lived in the neighbourhood of Gas-lane, on the site of what is now St Matthew's Church. They collected the refuse in donkey carts, which were emptied into their own backyards and the collection was then carefully examined for saleable material such as bones and cinders. The most putrifying rubbish, being unsaleable, was left to rot, and heaps of filth, reaching in some cases to the eaves of the houses, accumulated. Rummaging over these masses of fermenting nastiness were to be seen ponies, pigs and people, "all equally disgustful," as Dr Anningson says in one of his reports. The final destination of these accumulations were holes from which gravel had been dug, and on which in due time, houses were probably

Samuel Butler (1881 R

"When they (the Christians) visited the rich s provision for widows and orphans and gave alm poor, they were doing to the best of the r light a ledge what philanthropists of the present day they study the science of physical well-being, sea the cause of disease and suffering, and es systematically to raise the standard of happines highest possible point."

"Ecce Homo" (1882 R

—Both the above are of the general ty quotation which characterises the reports. The one immediately followin no doubt inspired by the great chan local government introduced during the

"And those Things, which have long gone t are as it were confederate within themselves: W New Things peece not so well; But though they h their utility, yet they trouble by their Inconf Besides, they are like Strangers; more Admired an Favoured. All this is true, if Time stood still; co wise moveth so round that a Froward Retent Custome is as turbulent a thing as an Innov "And they that Reverence too much Old Times, a Scorne to the New."

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"It is good (also) not to try Experiments in S Except the necessity be Urgent, or the utility Ev And well to beware that it be the Reformation draweth on the Change; And not the desire of Ch that pretendeth the Reformation."

Bacon's Essays (1888 Repo

—Here is the first actual criticism of affairs:—

"Hesitation is a sign of weakness, for in as mu the comparative good and evil of the different mod action about which we hesitate are seldom eq balanced, a strong mind should perceive the slighte cination of the beam, with the glance of an eagle. ticularly as there are cases where the preponderance be very minute, even although there should be life i scale and death in the other."

Colton's "Lacon" (1859 Repo

—Most of those which follow are of a sim type. We will leave the persons and incide referred to, to the memory and imaginat of our readers.

"Stensgard.—One is now and then forced to dissem to conceal one's true intentions. I regard this as missible when the general weal is at stake. My life-w lies clear before me, and is all in all to me. I secrate my whole energies to this district; I find he ferment of ideas which I must strive to clarify.

Ibsen's "The League of Youth" (1901 Report

"It is an easy and vulgar thing to please the mob, not a very arduous task to astonish them; but essenti

Many reports have links to copies of the actual articles

c.21.15 – refuse and road sweeping

Len Hutt, street sweeper, September 1966 *158.24*

1897 Will you allow me a small space to refer to the arrangements for sweeping and cleaning Fitzroy Street. After one gets one's place thoroughly cleaned and dusted, ready for business, we have three men commence sweeping the street and it is impossible sometimes to see across the road for dust. After this is done and the cart takes the rubbish away the water cart makes its appearance about two hours later. Considering that Fitzroy-street is one of the busiest streets of Cambridge I think these things could be altered to the benefit of the tradespeople of the street - letter from "Shopkeeper c1897 05 08

1901 Miss W—of Regent Street, Cambridge was summoned for causing an obstruction by leaving some refuse tins in the street. P.C. Cole said he saw the tins outside her premises at 10.11

c.21.15: refuse collection

c.21.2 – funerals, cemeteries etc

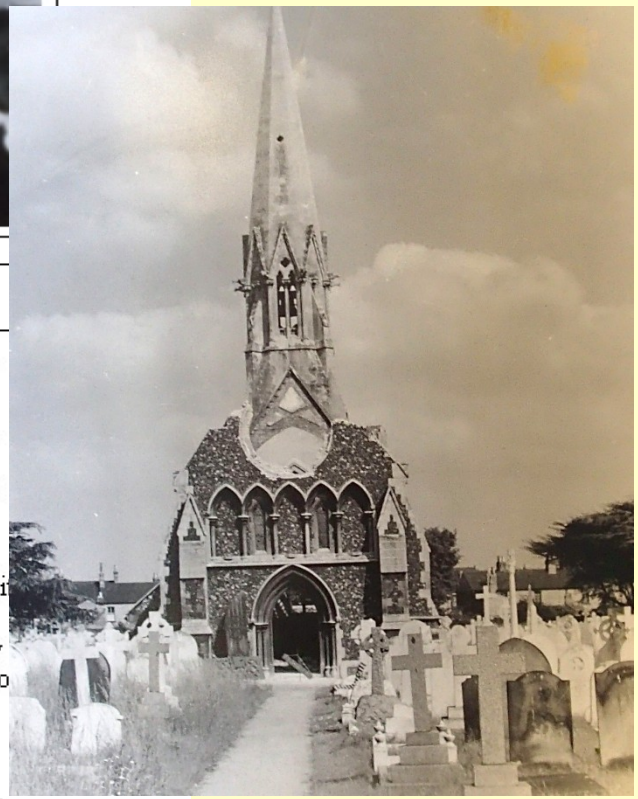
Funeral in Mill Road for ferry victims, 1905 170.63

1898 Mr Dixon said that Mill Road cemetery was always locked up on Sundays, because, if not, swarms of little children rampaged about over the graves; and while he was conducting a funeral it was very annoying to have some little urchins come up and say, "Oh, my! Ain't that a little coffin!". The children jumped about over the graves, while labourers going to work made the cemetery a thoroughfare. The matter was giving the committee a great deal of trouble. 1898 04 13

1898 Sir - for many years I have constantly visited the Mill road cemetery, Cambridge, and feel quite certain that if the present cemetery were made into a general and open place of burial i would last for many years. When the time arrives to provide a new cemetery, why not use that which is situated on the Huntingdon Road, which has a field adjoining sufficient to make a very large cemetery. I know that the Castle End hill is an obstacle, but an extra horse could be used to assist in drawing the hearse over this spot. This would be far preferable to going through Barnwell – R.R 1898 10 19

1899 The custodian of the Mill Road cemetery, Cambridge, Thomas Stanbridge, said he saw

c.21.2: cemeteries



Ambulance crew report to base, 1970 *107.24*

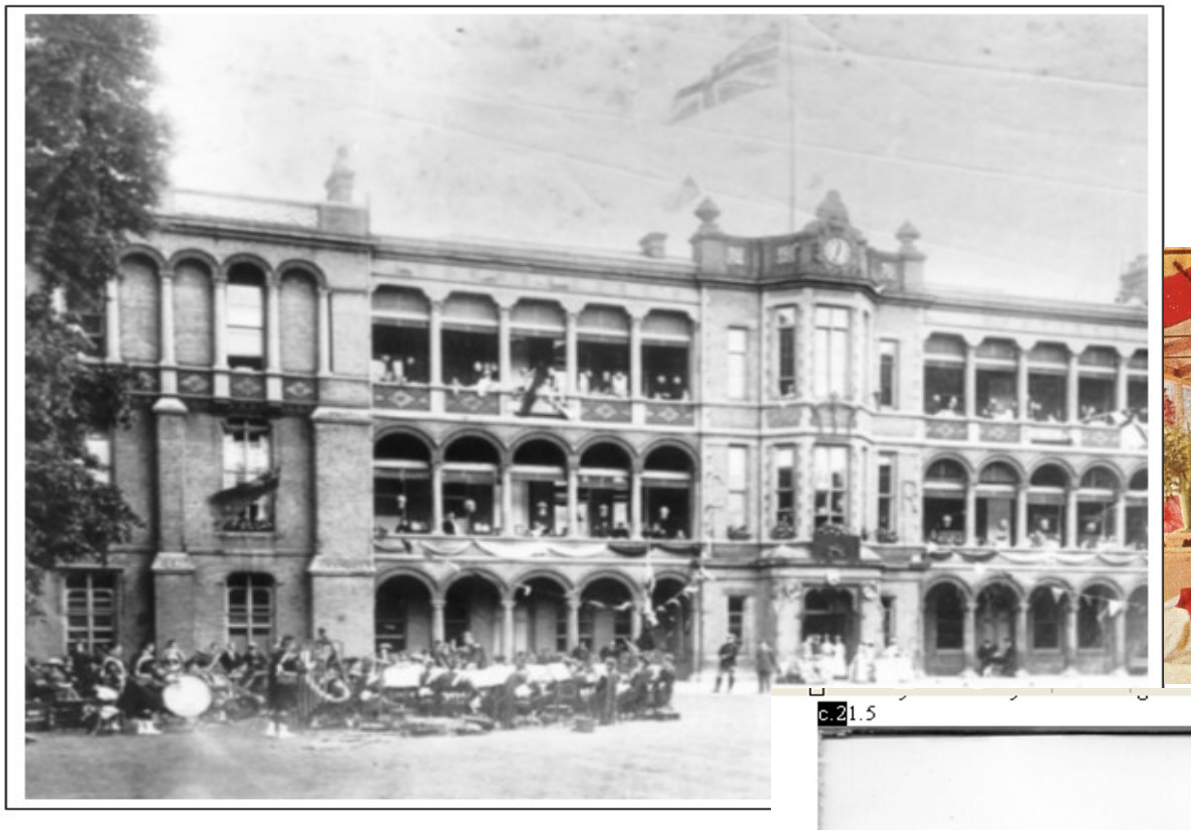
1908 The Cambridge District Nurses moved into their new home standing in its own grounds on Newmarket Road. Designed by W.M.Fawcett and built by Coulson and Lofts, it has a smart exterior appearance. Facing the road is the entrance to the surgery with the dining room, and kitchen with sitting rooms for the Superintendent and nurses on the first floor together with four bedrooms and another three on the second floor. The building is lighted by incandescent gas and fitted with electric bells CWN 08 11 06 p5

1930 The New Cherryhinton Nursing Association was wound up; the nurse's time has been by no means fully occupied and much has been of an unskilled nature. Now Nurse Hodges has left. 2,304 visits had been made during the year but many people prefer to employ a private nurse

c.21.3: nursing

c.21.4: hospitals

c.21.4 : Hospitals



Addenbrooke's Hospital 1911

headlines

1888 death of Alice Fisher, former matron, who left for Ameri

1889 by now a large & important medical school with lectures
hospital staff 1895

1889 new outpatients & nurses buildings

c.21.5

Fulbourn Hospital, c1900 54.70

c.21.5 : mental health matters

c.23 : Housing

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Kendal Way *88.03*

c.23: building

headlines

Rattee & Kett history – feature – 88 04 28a
Cambridge Brickworks on Newmarket Road – memories of Hilda Swann – 89 03 16c

1880s Alpha rd started [446..8.4]

1888 Huntingdon Road estate - 21 acres of building land newly sold [3.15]

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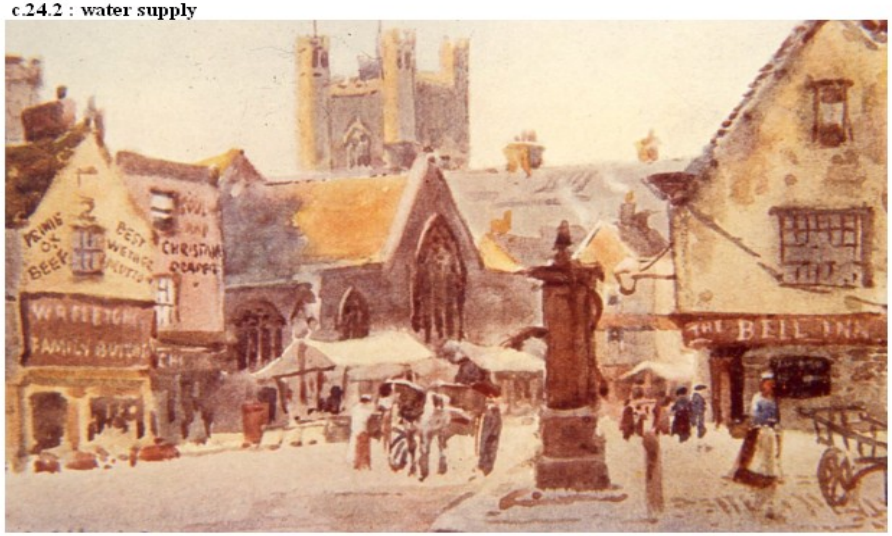
c.24.2

c.24.2 : water supply



Pump, Peas Hill 1907 *170.69*

Headlines

1888 scheme to obtain further supplies from a spring at Fulbourn, foundation stone laid in October [1.24]

1891 new supply from Fulbourn starts

1897 new pumps installed to supply combined total of 2.5 million gallons a day

1899 Borough council seeks to promote a Bill to allow municipalization of tramways, lavatories, crematoria & water supply but this is rejected by ratepayers in December [1.10]

1902 Cambridge Water Company sued Messrs Kerridge and Shaw for water supplied for a building in course of construction in Rose Crescent, Cambridge. The supply recorded by a water

c.24.2: water supply
c.24.3: sewage

Cheddars Lane Sewage Pumpng Station, 1920s *68.23*

c.29.8 : sewage and lavatories and Cam pollution

1893 sewers started in Coldham's Lanes & Victoria Road [1.1]

1895 main sewage scheme in full flow involving deep sewers & new pumping station at Cheddar's Lane, streets choked by work, much grumbling [1.2,1.19]

1897 discover new sewage scheme inadequate & needs vertical shafts at great additional expense (ratepayers protest at costs and throw out proposals to rebuild Guildhall) [1.3]
1897 Sir, - On Wednesday morning my attention was called to the state of the River Cam near Baitsbite Sluice. The water was covered with an oily matter and the stench arising therefrom was beastly. The whole atmosphere was apparently impregnated with some vapour. The havoc amongst the fish was appalling. Thousands upon thousands - I might say tons - of pike, eels, roach and dace were dead and dying, struggling to liberate themselves from their putrid, poisonous liquid. I never witness such a lamentable sight before - Thomas Banyard 27th October

c.24.4 - gas

Gas Exhibition and lectures ticket 57.08

headlines
Thomas Hawksley built gas works in Cambridge – feature – 82 09 28a

1896 serious gas explosion, Park Street [1.3]

1897 carbonising & purification plants enlarged at cost of £10,000

1898 pre-payment meter introduced, consumers provided with a cooker on loan & 30 feet of service pipe free of charge. Heating stove also available for hire
1898 Thrifty wives, hopeful maidens, and even thoughtless bachelors assembled in large numbers when an exhibition under the auspices of the Cambridge University and Town Gas Li Company was opened. Some disappointment was occasioned by the announcement that Miss Richmond would not be able to give her lecture owing to the fact that her cooking utensils had

c.24.6 : electricity

Electricity generating station, Thompson's Lane 1963 91.10

source P = Nigel Pennick 'Trams in Cambridge'. Electric Traction,

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leges & country

M.J Petty. A Century of Cambridge News 1888 - c.24.8
c.24.8 : street lighting

New lights switched on, 1955 110.04

headlines

1894 Parkers Piece lamp standard erected, cost £39 [1.1]
1907 A new development of gas lighting in St Andrew's Street renders the exterior of the New Theatre almost as light as day. By the use of an automatic compressor the power of ordinary incandescent light is increased fourfold but cost of the gas consumed is halved. There are two other installations in Cambridge, one in the locomotive department at the railway station and the other at Messrs Crossman's knitting factory in Norfolk Street. 07 01 09

c.24.4: gas
c.24.6: electricity
C.24.8: street lighting

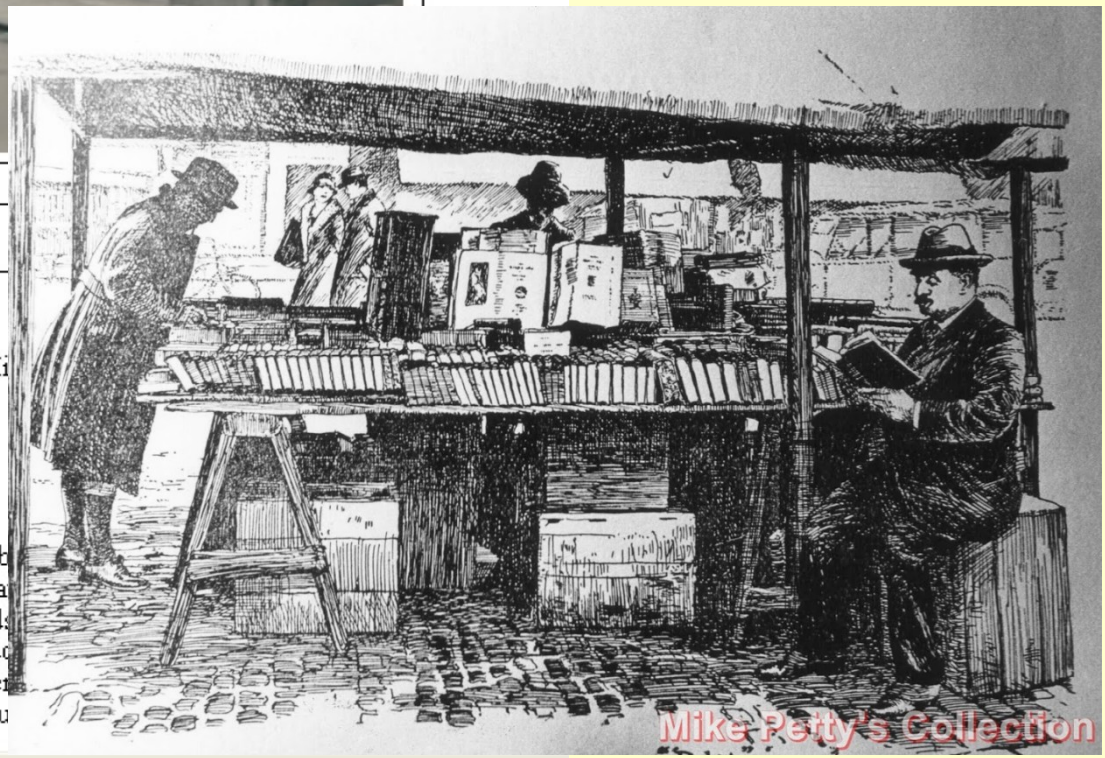
Heffers bookshop, Petty Cury, 1962

c.25 : printing, books, bookshops

1896 Gustave David sets up book stall on Market Hi
institution') [1.171]
1896 Heffers bookshop Petty Cury opens [2.6]

1899 'Bowes & Bowes' name established [2.2]

1902 A new branch of trade has been opened by the b
the direction of a stationery store. The CDN has been fa
omitted to enclose his name or even say when he intend
either intentional or points to a certain amateurism pard
small post quarto Club writing paper priced at 1s.6d. pe
and writing paper with the college arms embossed in blu
improve on these quotations? c02.02.05



c.25: books, printing

c.26 : Transport

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c.26.1 : aircraft

Spitfires at Marshall's, 1938

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Headlines

Note: this heading includes non-Cambridge town stories

Arthur Deck was one of the best-known inhabitants of Cambridge. Hundreds ar
on King's Parade to witness his quaint tradition of firing rockets at midnight eve
Eve. As a young man he made balloon ascents including one from Fenner's wh
a slice off the pavilion roof. CWN 08 09 04 p5

E.P. Frost ornithopter recalled – 61.05.05b

c.26.1: aircraft

Marshall's hangars, 1960s *158.16*

c.27.1 : **Marshall's –**

headlines

1909 D.G.Marshall set up Brunswick Gardens 1909 [12.1]

1912 moved King St & Jesus Lane 1912

1929 Cambridge air pageant for opening Marshall's - CDN 10.6.29
1929 F.A. Ridgeon, the Cambridge Town Football Club's inside left, travelled by aeroplane to Sussex for the F.A. Amateur Cup tie with Southwick. There was some doubt whether he could make the match owning to duties in Stamford preventing him from travelling by train. Hearing of his difficulty Mr D.G. Marshall of Aviation Hall generously placed his Moth aeroplane at his disposal. His son, Arthur Marshall, would have piloted the machine but he had gone on an air trip to Austria so a de Havilland pilot was engaged for the journey. This is, we believe, the first time

Chesterton school pupils with locomotive 1956 *110.45*

Railway Traveller's Guide history 60 03 22

1845 After several abortive starts a railway finally arrives at Cambridge in 1845, the station having been sited far from the centre of the town because of University objections to the line coming within a mile of their buildings. An additional clause prohibited trains from stopping within three miles of Cambridge on Sundays. Although this restriction was not repealed until 1908 it had long ceased to be observed.

1849 A reader has sent a picture of a locomotive engine built by Headley Bros of the Eagle Foundry, Cambridge in 1849. It was a small single-tank affair with two big driving wheels, painted bright green and named the 'Eagle'. At first there was no tender, only a small place for the driver, though later it was extended to carry a saloon. It was intended for the use of the

c.26.2: railways

Banham's boatyard, 1969 *55.17*

source : J. Wilson Fenland barge traffic. 1972 [W]

Dant, Cutter ferry history and account of barge traffic – 62 08 03b & c

headlines

Sir – I remember Ditton Docks some 70 years ago. It was then a small landing stage, long disused and out of repair. There was also a more pretentious one further down the river – Horningsea Pier we used to call it. - and I was told that in pre-railway days this had been extensively used. My father would speak of the times, before the present locks were installed, when strings of barges were kept waiting sometimes for several weeks for the river to rise sufficiently for them to come up. They carried coal and corn to Mill Lane or timber and sand to Walnut Tree Lane (now Avenue). Dant of Dant's Ferry had a fleet of barges at that time – A. Cox 37 02 13

1890s Dants owned Cutter, first steam tug to work on Cam; in 1890s the barge business. then in decline was auctioned [W.16]

1898 Fred Richardson, foreman of the second gangs of lighters belonging to Messrs Brown and

c.26.3: boats

The last day of the trams, 1914

c.26.44 : trams

1888 Tramways Company announce record profits [Sw
1888 talk of steam tramway from Cambridge to Histor

1890 Tramways Company dispute with Council over a

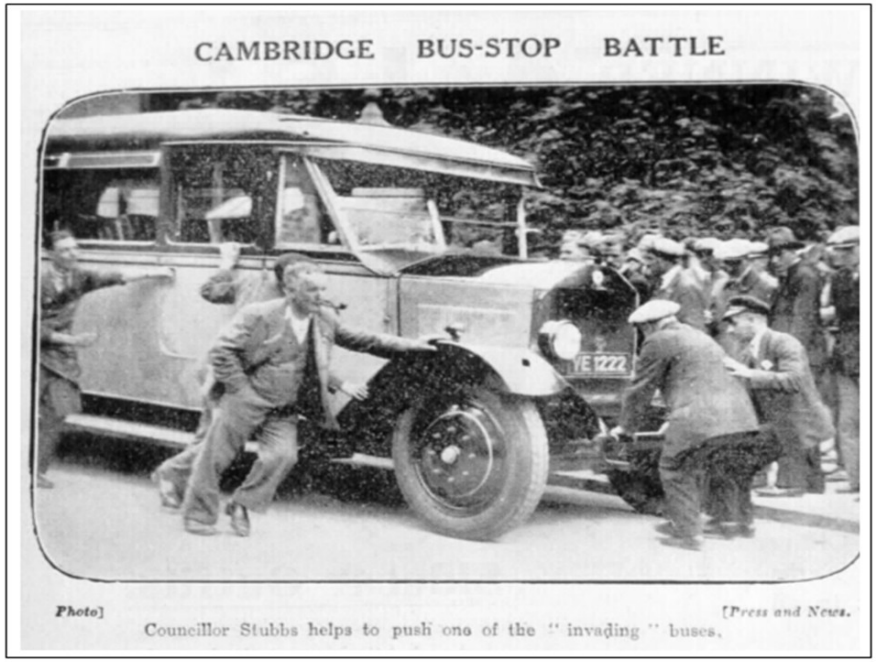
1892 Tramways agree annual rental of £325 for 25 ye
Cambridge Street Tramways Act [Sw.15]

1894 Tramways profits boosted by Royal Show held i

1895 Tramways propose viaduct road from Trumpingt
[Sw.16]

1896 the Cambridge Omnibus Company introduce horse-buses on routes between Railway

c.26.44: trams
c.26.46: buses



Opposition to parking of buses in Drummer Street 64.05

c.26.46 : public transport - buses,
NOTE : check information appearing on illustrations cat cards
sources checked : SEAL, Cambridge buses "[S.2] = p.2
SWINGLE. Cambridge Street Tramways [Sw]
PENNICK, Trams in Cambridge [P]
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background
In August 1851 the first horse buses appeared, double deckers drawn by four horses which ran

c.26.47 : taxis & hansom cabs

1888 cabmens defence fund set up to pay fines incurred when summonsed for 'loitering about streets' - claim insufficient space on cab ranks [26.4.1.4]

1898 Cambridge town council was requested to consider permitting a cabmen's shelter to be placed on the Market Hill. Mr Darwin said that he received a petition asking for the provision of some place for them to warm themselves during the cold months in some central position in the town. At present there was only one cabmen's shelter in the town and that was very widely used. If they provided another the public would gain some advantage because the cabmen, instead of going to the public houses, as they now did, would go to the shelter. The only possible harm it would do was that perhaps it would make the neighbouring public houses sell less beer c1898 05 22

1903 cabmen find good business transporting people who want to see murderer conveyed from Cambridge gaol to the railway station en route to trial at Saffron Walden [26.4.1.3]

1904 A Cambridge cab proprietor was summonsed for not keeping his cab in a proper condition. A policeman said he found the near side window completely smashed, and the front seat saturated with water. He moved the cushion and found it was mouldy underneath so that it must have been in that condition for some time. The
when it was washed water ran on to the cushions. D
for the cleanliness of the cab but magistrates said he
fined him five shillings .c04 02 24

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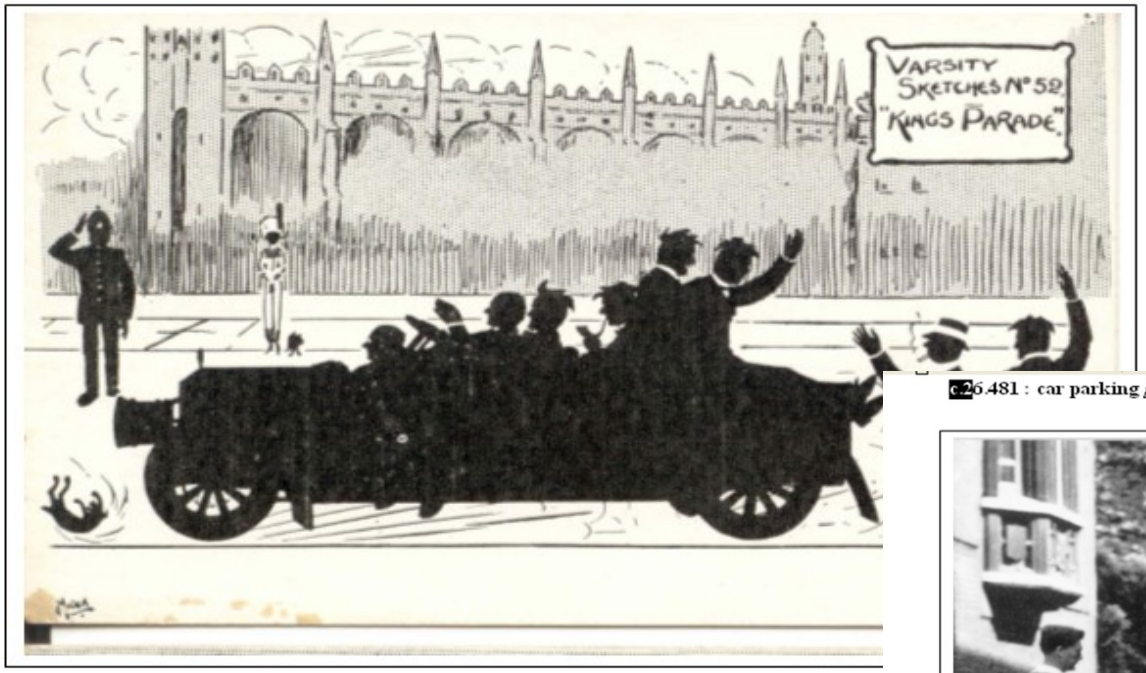
1904 An additional cabman's shelter was opened
in a room formerly used as a temporary police office
a man will warm food brought by the cabmen and w
It is comfortably furnished, a few pictures as well as
cabmen will welcome the shelter where they can dry

1906 One evening the boots at the Castle Hotel, Cambridge, beckoned a cab from the nearby

c.26.47: taxis



Undergraduate motors cartoon c1905

c.26.48 : cars
see also c 26.481 - parking
Headlines

Arthur Cooke, senior Surgeon at Addenbrooke's Hospital, owned one of the
Cambridge. He was founder of the University Automobile Club which woun
when the funds went to form the Ricardo Prize for Thermo-dynamics at the
33 03 14 & a

Cambridge worthies' motor trip to Brighton – 59 01 03
A Bleirot car driven to Brighton to mark renovation of Arundel castle – 59 0
History of car in Cambridge – Reeve – 60 08 02a

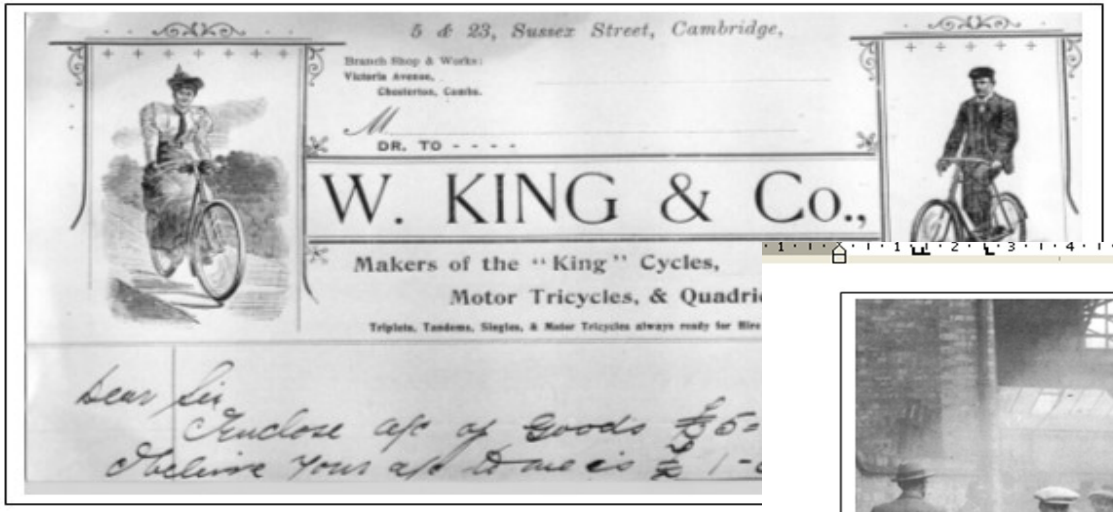
The first Model T Ford to arrive in Cambridge was owned by a Dr Graham
and was driven by his chauffeur, Bert Jackson. For many years the car, CE 1

c.26.48: cars

c.26.481 : car parking *[rev 21 Aug 2014]*

Problems of parking 1950's 91.38

Headlines


5 & 23, Sussex Street, Cambridge,
Branch Shop & Works:
Victoria Avenue,
Chesterton, Cambs.
DR. TO - - - -
W. KING & Co.,
Makers of the "King" Cycles,
Motor Tricycles, & Quadri
Triplets, Tandems, Singles, & Motor Tricycles always ready for Hire
Dear Sir,
Enclose a/c of Goods £6-
Please find a/c to date is £1-

Bill from W. King, 1897

c.26.485 : bicycles

headlines

Cambridge Liberal cycling club history – 33 01 14a & b
King motorcycle history 60 03 28
The appeal for pioneer women cyclists heard from Dorothea Cony
Conybeare of Barrington, had bought her sister a bike on 28 July 1
bicycles still rather unusual and fellow Perseans were much impre
from Barrington to be present at an examination for which the trai
does not remember seeing any Cambridge women or girls bicyclin
during a visit to Leicestershire in 1892 and was agreeably surprise
07 31a

1847 "in 1847 Cambridge had giant tricycle with 12 foot wheel

1863 first bike made & ridden in Cambridge ("73 years ago fro

1868 Robert Taylor of Soham made bike, biked to London 187
there[2.10]
1868 one of first bicycles seen in Long Road [9.10]

c.26.485: bicycles
c.26.485: motor bikes

Motor cycle and sidecar in Herbert Robinson garage during reliability trial, 1930s 105.10

c.26.4855 – motor cycles

King motorcycle history 60 03 28

1903 The Cambridge Corn Exchange exhibition of cycles and motors has become an annual event. Motors and motor cycles are as yet in their infancy and each year sees great strides taken towards perfection. There are on view some fine, up-to-date specimens of motor cars. The Mayor said he was a cyclist of some years' standing but his experiences of motor cars was very limited. He had been for a ride on a motor car, and thoroughly enjoyed it. Manufacturers were handicapped by stringent laws as to the pace motors might travel over public roads. While so many horses were about it was startling for them to find a vehicle coming at 20 miles and hour and making rather a peculiar noise. c03 02 25
1903 Motor cycle reliability trials are taking place at the Crystal Palace. One Cambridge competitor, Mr W. King, of Messrs King and Co, Bridge Street, has been holding his own on a 'King' machine manufactured by the firm. The machine is 2 ¾ hp, which took a gold medal for

c.27 : Trades and Industry

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East Anglian Cement workers, 1930s

c.27.1 : industry

headlines

1891 hosiery manufacturer makes 20 dozen pairs of hose pe

1895 Cambridge Instrument Company formally registered, (

1896 W.G.Pye started & after 1918 specialised in wireless, was largest manufacturer of tv sets in Britain [1.14]

1903 The recent completion of the Atlas Stone Company wo the industrial importance of the Romsey Town and Cherry Hin complete plant for the manufacture of artificial paving slabs on been installed with a hydraulic press capable of 500 slabs per d

c.27.1: industry

c.27.1: companies

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Cambridge Instrument Company wor

c.27.1 : Cambridge Instrument Co

1881 Cambridge Scientific Instrume
University, develops electrocardiogra

1895 Cambridge Instrument Comp

1907 When Dew Smith and Horac
instruments for physiological work at
financially profitable. But it grew and
is now flourishing at its pleasantly sit
products is a kite used in meteorologi
screws which has been supplied to the
07 01 18

1914 Cambridge Scientific Instrum
room, drawing office and stores. They
various instruments made. Many are

Pye employees leaving Radio works 1930s

c.27.1 : **Pye**
headlines

Pye in 1896 William George Pte left Cavendish Laboratory & began
instruments for university students; WWI expanded, made gun sights;
experimented with tv & in early 1930 able to receive a 30-line pictur
production; with WWII turned to radar; Pye telecom devised first int
large numbers made 1947 mobile television transmission station, prin
1956. 1961 first convertible 405/625 sets 1947 installed 2-way radios
electronic stethoscope now upwards of 100 individual companies

W.H. Smith's computer shop with display of Sinclair computers, December 1983 *143.51*

c.27.1 : Sinclair

1962 founded; "started by miniature radio sets,
1966 Sinclair launches smallest tv [4.8]

1967 bright future for 26 year old; Sinclair Radionics established HQ Cambridge a year ago;
announce miniature tv & digital watch [21]

1971 move St Ives, mainly known for hi-fi equipment
1971 turnover £100M but profits down set up new computer bureau Cambridge data

Marks and Spencer bra counter, July 1966

c.27.2 : shopping

headline

Mill Rd 'often compared to Portobello Rd; wide range of speciality & local s could buy anything from pianos to tombstones [446.14.4] [446.14.4]

1882 Rock Kings started Staffordshire St; 1st shop Newmarket Rd c1882 [

1879 Priziborsky's to be demolished 1961; founded 1879 by Count Prizibo barber Imperial Austrian Court; patronised by undergraduates; family connection ceased 1934

c.27.2: shopping
c.27.3: markets

Mike Petty Century of Cambridge news –

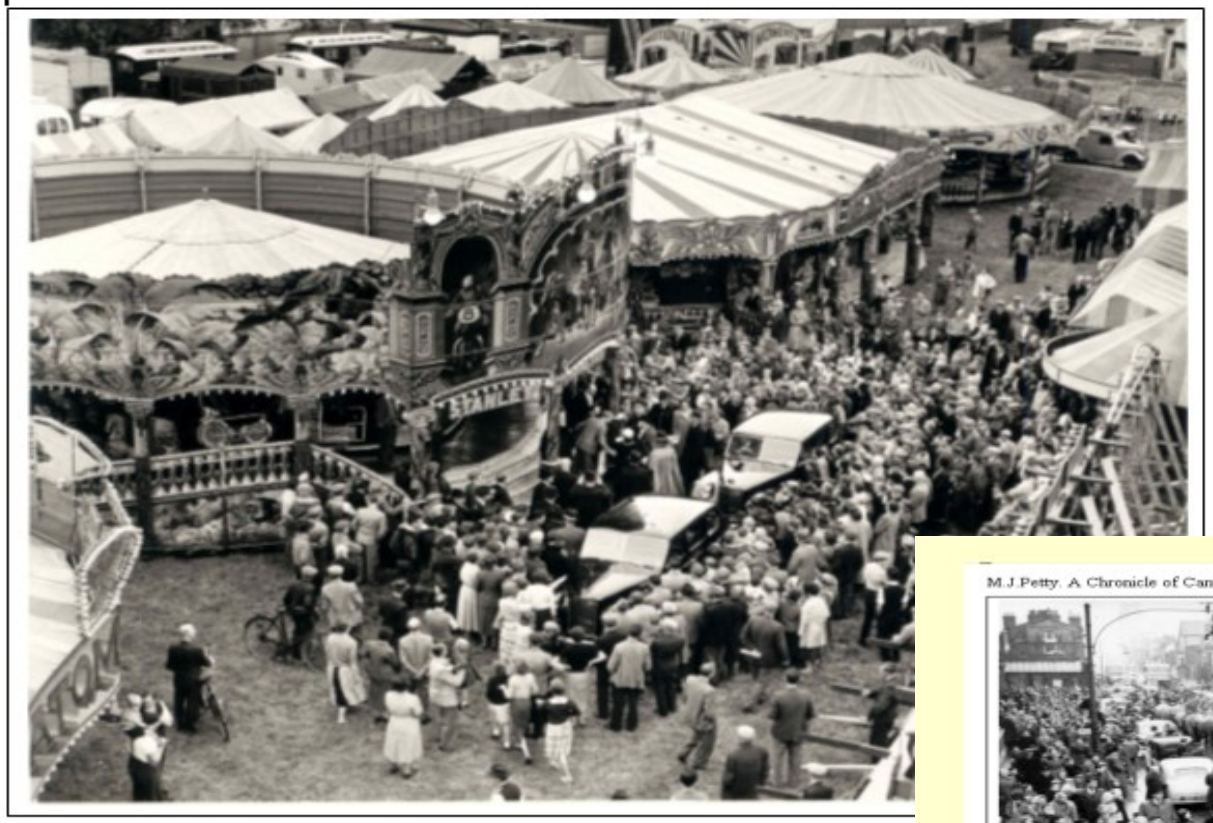
Bank Holiday auction, Cattle Market, 1960s 97.97

c.27.3 : markets

headlines

1885 new Cattle Market opened [NI.1.6]

1885 Cambridge Cattle Market opened 100 years ago. Before 1885 it was held at Castle End but the stalls were inadequate for the number of beasts. Then Jesus College provided land near the railway station. Cattle docks from all four railways were within two minutes' walk and there were direct railway links to Scotland and Ireland. There are still weekly sales of stock, with horse sales every five weeks, but the area nearby that was used for grazing is now the Clifton Industrial Estate. It is filled with large corrugated boxes housing a wide variety of light industry and a 'Park and Ride' site 85 09 27



Proclamation of Midsummer Fair, 1956

c.27.31 fairs

headlines

"Midsummer probably best known fair in world ... Henry Thurston born 18
brickmaker worked in brickyard & 1868 acquired children's street roundab
four-abreast set of gallopers ...painted on the rounding boards scenes from
Boat Race (other details) [6]
Did you know that coconut shies had their origin at the Cambridge Fair? A
official says: "These old fairground games are a traditional part of England
existence for centuries. At the old Cambridge fair they used to shy at live cockerels; then an Act
was passed forbidding it because of the cruelty. So the showmen substituted lead dummies and

c.27.31: fairs
c.27.32: circuses

M.J.Petty. A Chronicle of Cambridge News 1888-

Parade of elephants, Chipperfield's circus, 1952 109.61

c.76.2 : circus

Readers have responded with information on Keith and Tudor's circus on Midsummer Common. Mr R. Bainbridge says it was a large wooden building at the junction of Victoria Avenue, where the lamp standard is, at the corner of Jesus Grove. It was pulled down due to the expense of standing there and rebuilt at the bottom of Auckland Road. Mr Keith was the ring master and Mr Tudor was the clown. Sam George competed for a cup given by the late Charlie Rowell. It was a race 20 times around the ring over four hurdles every round. The circus finished late 1893 or early 1894 just before the Royal Show was held on Midsummer Common. He still has some of the building that was built into a shed. 37 01 16f

'One with a memory' writes: "My father put Tudor's circus up twice in Cambridge and once in Ipswich and eventually at the Romsey Town Cement Works, where the main part still stands and

c.27.4 : Pubs

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Eagle Inn courtyard, 1964

c.27.4 : pubs

headlines

see R.G. Wilson. Greene King: a business ... history. 1973 – S10 for national pub closures etc

Brazen George Inn was in St Andrew's Street, Alexandra Street was its yard –

1888 Wrestlers Inn, Petty Cury demolished [2.13]

1889 c Sir – my father, J.R. Bennett, a master builder, constructed a chimney Brewery at Newmarket Road, Cambridge. Boy-like I used to play round the si about 1889, when the work was almost complete, he made me climb the ladde scaffolding and stand on the extreme summit, saying 'You will be the only on

c.27.4: pubs

Gwydir Arms

Albion Brewery, Coronation Street, 1964 *149.68*

c.27.41: breweries (subheading started 16 Jul 2009)

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Bailey & Tebbutt history – 87 09 03a

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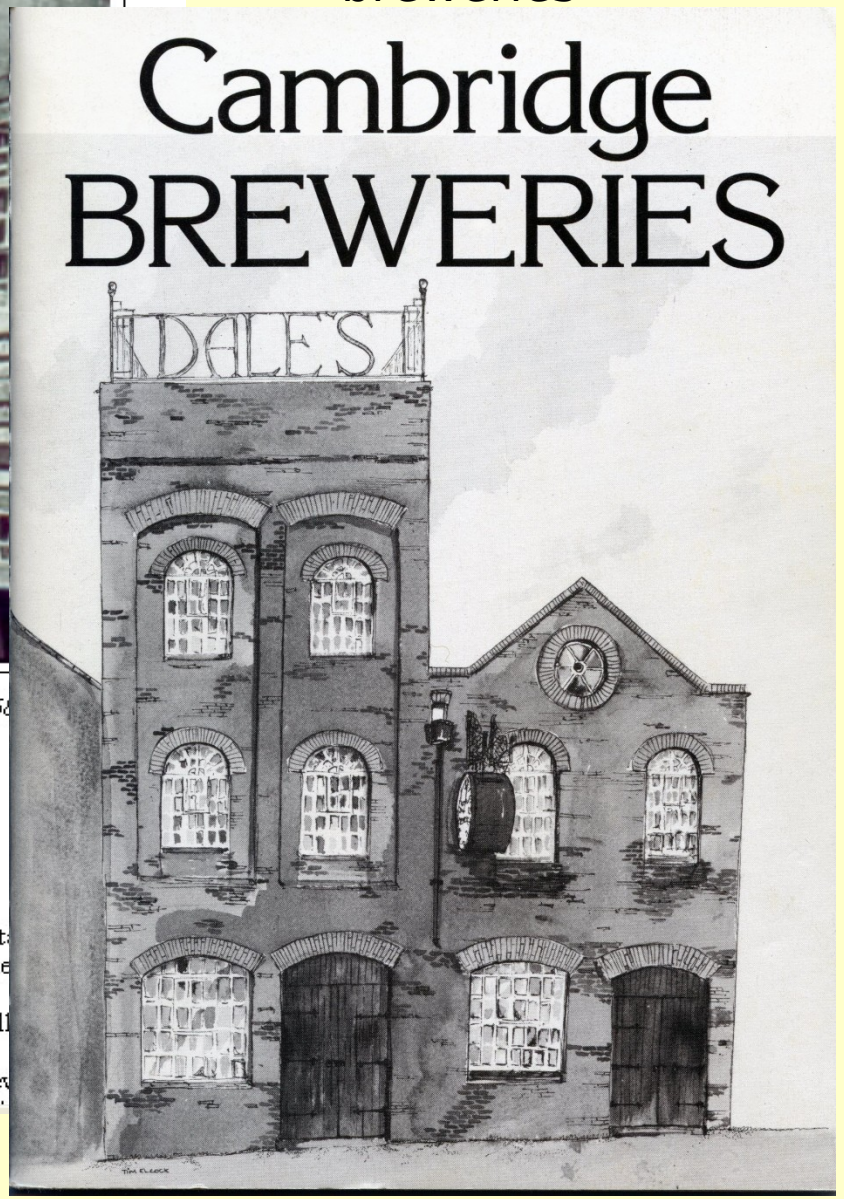
about 1889, when the work was almost complete, he made me climb the ladders up the
scaffolding and stand on the extreme summit, saying 'You will be the only one who will
stand there' – G.A. Bennett, Wisbech. 56 08 20
1889 Frederick Bailey sells Star brewery to Charles Armstrong, late of Scarsdale brew

c.27.41: breweries



Garden House Hotel fire 1972

c.27.45 : hotels
(subheading started July 2009)

headlines Lion Hotel : last of Moyes to own Lion - Mrs Ba
family when taken some 80 years ago (?1856) by John And
who also at that time owned Bull. The son died in1894 & t
Mrs A.A. Moyes during whose regime the glass roof was p
used to drive over what is now the floor of the court, in fact
Moyes who died 1922 left hotel to her two daughters ..-. [1

1891 University Arms hotel opens [8.4]

1901 The Star Brewery renewed its application for a proj
adjacent to Cambridge Cattle Market. There were farmers,
and Essex who regularly attended the market, coming by tr

c.27.45: hotels
c.27.47: cafes

Expresso coffee machine, Dorothy café, 1955 *110.49*

c.27.47 : cafes & restaurants
(heading introduced July 2009, previously c. 27.4)

1899 Albert Hart applied for a licence for 'The Sirdar', Market St, Cambridge. The place had been largely patronised but he laboured under a disadvantage of not being able to provide his customers with spirits or beers. The fashion of drinking wine in the middle of the day had been discountenanced for many years past by doctors and everybody that went to a place for lunch required spirits or soda water. He had to send out for such drinks to some public house in the vicinity. The money had to be extracted from the customer who had to wait until his refreshments were brought to him through the street. That was not an advantage to the liquor itself, especially with the dust flying about and the intense heat of the sun c1899 08 24

1907 All over the country old Pittites offer sighs of relief at the comparatively small amount of damage caused to the Pitt Club, whose dining room was burnt out. The committee is to be

Netherhall School computers, 1981 *154.41*

c.27.5 computers etc – started 2nd May 2011

1947 A "brain" that will be capable of completing 1,000 questions a minute is in course of construction in the University Mathematical Laboratory. Work on the "brain" has been going on for about 12 months. It is carried out by a team of six who are lead by Dr H.V. Wilkes, director of the laboratory, and wartime radar research "expert". Officially the brain is known as "Esdac" (electronic delay storage automatic calculator). At present one "memory unit" has been completed. It consists of 16 metal tubes full of mercury weighing about 200 pounds. Another has yet to be assembled and when finally completed the "brain" will consist of these and eight racks containing between 1,000 and 1,500 valves. Questions will be fed in on a punched tape and the answers delivered by teleprinter c47 10 02

1949 Computer history in Cambridge; memories of Prof Maurice Wilkes who ran the first-ever programme 1949 – feature – 90 07 25a, b

c.27.5: computers

Mayor inspects sorting office, 1950s

c.27.7 : postal
headlines

Robert Knights memories of a mail coach driver before WWI between We
Cambridge 72 01 14a

1885 Petty Cury post office erected [1.22]
1885 protest over use of University stamps [1.16]

1886 Morning letters are being delivered much earlier than formerly. Th

c.27.7: post
c.27.74: telephones

M.J.Petty. A Century of Cambridge News 1888- c.27.75 : telephone

Mayor visits telephone exchange, 1950s *110.22*

c.27.75: telephone
(subheading introduced July 2009, previously c. 27.7)

headlines

Wireless telegraphy discovered in Cambridge – CWN 08 08

1878 "undergraduate had first phone in Cambridge" [1.6]

c.27.8 : broadcasting - radio & tv

Televising boxing match, 1955 *201.14*

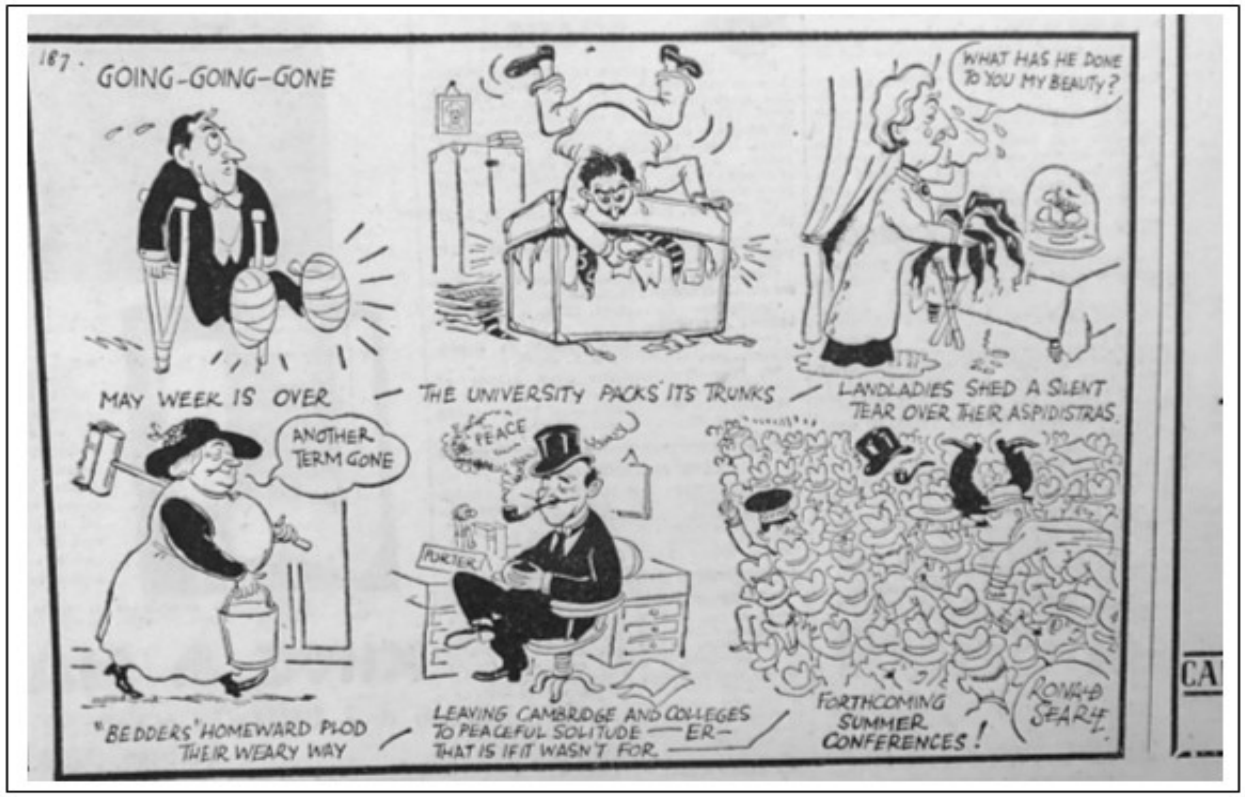
headlines

1896 Rutherford transmits first radio signal from Cavendish laboratory to Madingley road observatory [1.15]

1913 Cambridgeshire has been chosen for a series of experiments with the new patent wireless telegraphy apparatus invented by Senor Marconi, which can be fitted on four pack horses and erected in six minutes. The first experiment was made at Saffron Walden when the new 'Pack Station' consisting of a small petrol motor, transmitter and receiver and 30ft high aerial mast was erected on the common and wireless messages were received from Chelmsford. Next day it was erected at Somersham where experiments were continued. It will be moved across Cambridgeshire 13 02 28 p8 CIP

1921 Pye Ltd changed to radio 1921 when lapse in demand for instruments; 210 ft aerial mast

c.27.8: radio / tv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FORTHCOMING SUMMER CONFERENCES!
RONALD SEARLE

Ronald Searle cartoon, 1960s

c.27.9 : conferences

c.27.9: conferences

headlines

1894 Ancient Order of Foresters High Court meeting {NI.1.3]

1904 British Association for Advancement of Science conference, Cambridge Daily News runs out of copies as people write for issues containing reports of speeches, the Prime Minister attends, "it livens up the Long Vacation" the paper comments 1904 RevYr

1907 Esperanto congress police cartoon people identified ¢CDN 30.12.1950 p9
1907 Esperanto Congress held in Cambridge, Market Hill bedecked with flags, dwarfs all other events [1.6]
1907 Esperanto has seized Cambridge like a raging fever. Genuine and spurious Esperanto fills the air as the autolycus of the gutter shouts unintelligent jargon to a street comrade and calls it

Indian/Pakistani people at reception, 1950s 201.11

c.31: population

c.31 – population, immigrants

1907 Charles Henry Swornsbourne was as well-known as any man in Cambridge. He was an albino, possessing unnaturally white skin, hair and eyebrows and pink eyes. 'Whiteheaded Bob' was a talented violinist who, years ago, attended undergraduate 'wine parties' accompanied by a harpist named Calcott. He led the band at the A.D.C. from its foundation, was musical director for the Bijou Amateurs and provided music for the Beefsteak Club when they met at the Lion Hotel. 07 10 08

1930 Cambridge Guildhall was crowed with an audience chiefly composed of young men and women, but with a fair leavening of older folk, who had come to hear Dr Marie Stopes give an address on birth control. She spoke rapidly for an hour and replied to many questions. Thousands

Cambridge ladies in Sidney Street, 1965

246.17

c.31.3: women

Cambridge WOMEN Chronicle by Mike Petty

1890 06 13

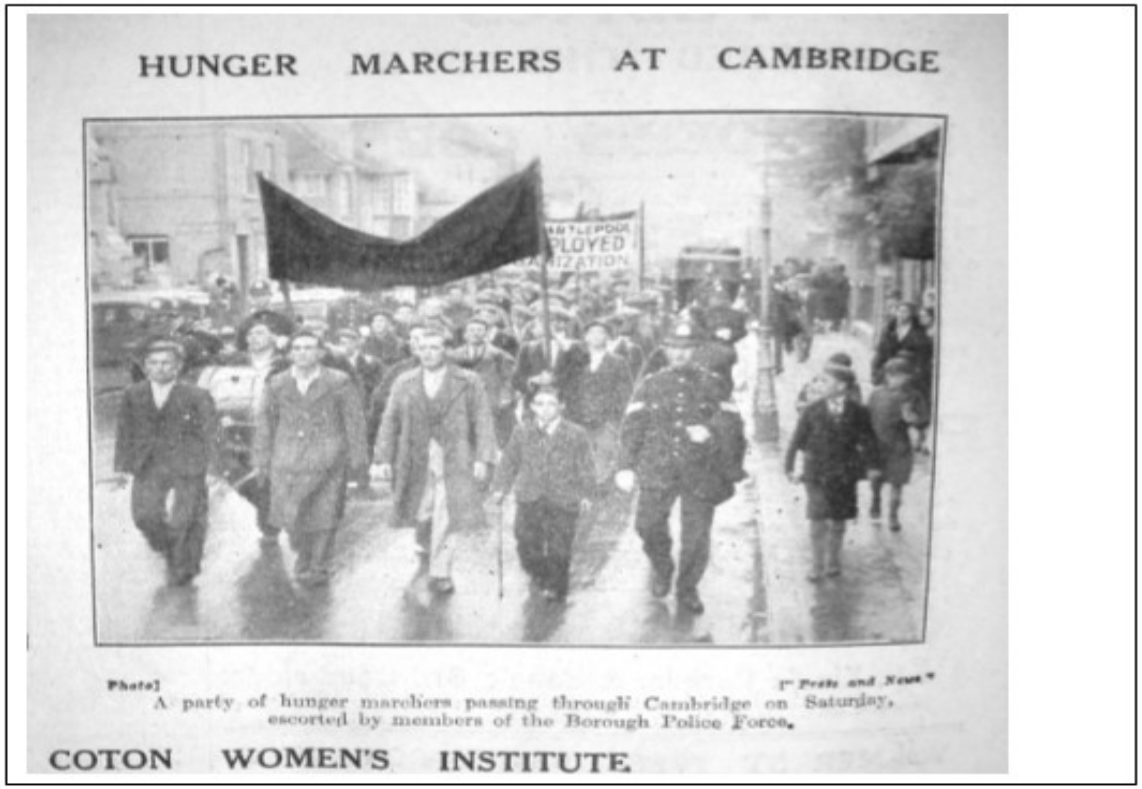
The announcement that Miss P.G. Fawcett was in reality the Senior Wrangler caused much excitement for, although it was well-known that she would attain a higher position in the class list than has ever yet been attained by a woman, it was regarded as improbably that she would obtain higher marks than the Senior Wrangler. Twentieth Wrangler is the best place previously obtained by a woman since women's names have been published in the class list. In 1887 Miss Ramsey (now Mrs Butler, the wife of the present Vice Chancellor) was Senior Classic. Miss Fawcett was educated at the

'A Holiday for Old Folk', 1954 110.86

c.31.4: the elderly

c.31.4 : Elderly

1897 06 24
One of the most interesting events of the Jubilee week was the dinner to 1,000 aged people of Cambridge which took place on Parker's Piece. From 10 a.m. an army of helpers 400 strong, all as busy as bees, were engaged in preparing the tents, two in number, for the expected guests. The old people began to arrive very early, with beaming faces and expectant eyes. "It's not the dinner so much", said an old lady of some 75 summers, "it's taking part in the Jubilee dinner and meeting with all the others". Gowns of antique stuff, redolent of sweet lavender, that had lain by for years protected against the ravages of moth, were brought out in honour of the occasion. One old gentleman had hunted up a pair of white jean trousers that he went courting in 50 years ago.


HUNGER MARCHERS AT CAMBRIDGE
[Photo] "Pratts and News"
A party of hunger marchers passing through Cambridge on Saturday, escorted by members of the Borough Police Force.
COTON WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Hunger marchers, October 1932 *139.03*

c.32.1 : employment

c.32.1: employment

headlines

1903 Since the declaration of peace last year the ranks of the unemployed in Cambridgeshire have been swelled by the steady influx from South Africa of thousands of discharged soldiers and reservists which has seriously upset the labour market. One cannot pay a visit to the tramp ward of any Workhouse without being impressed by the number of inmates who are evidently returned "heroes". In 1901 7,754 vagrants were relived at the various Unions in the district, last year the number had risen to 9.591. Cambridge spends the least per head – two shillings and three farthings – whilst Linton spends the most, six shillings and eightpence halfpenny. c03 03 24

1904 corporation reject suggestion they should start work to aid unemployed [1.13]

Coe Fen 1930s *80.09*

c.32.3 - Commons

1894 Cambridge University & Corporation Act gives considerable power of regulation over commons including power to enclose from time to time all or some part of Midsummer or Jesus Common & Butt Green [MPP.49,MMC.28]
1894 Royal Show held on 64a of Midsummer Common, Midsummer Fair held on Stourbridge common [MMC.9]
1894 Christ's Pieces bandstand erected, was originally built for Royal Show on Midsummer Common [1.18]
1894 Parker's Piece lamp standard erected [1.4]

1895 Coldham's Common new railway line & sketch of excavator [NI.1.8]

c.32.3: commons

Protest in Sidney Street, 1970s *100.61*

c.32.5 trades union, strikes

c.32.5: strikes

headlines

1891 building strike for 22 weeks intimidation results in imprisonment [1.1]

1899 William Askham, a labourer in the employ of Messrs Coulson & Lofts told Cambridge police court that he was at work at Bridge Street and saw the prisoner, who was a striker, standing on the pavement. He came upon the building and said he would fight any one on the job for half-a-crown to a shilling. Prisoner said he was not picketing that day. They only went on duty three days a week. He never asked the men to "come out" and it was no use asking Askham to come out on strike because the society would not have him. He was sent out by the society to induce men to come out on strike, for which he received a shilling a day - 1899 08 04

1899 A meeting of Cambridge carpenters and joiners was held to obtain an increase of wages.

c.32.8: banking

c.32.8 banking

Lloyds Bank during development of Lion Yard, 1964 *154.47*

headlines
History of Cambridge savings banks – 35 04 15b & c

1845 Humfrey's Bank closure, has ceased to issue notes for some time; premises taken by London and County Bank. Bankers Magazine 1845, sheets 601

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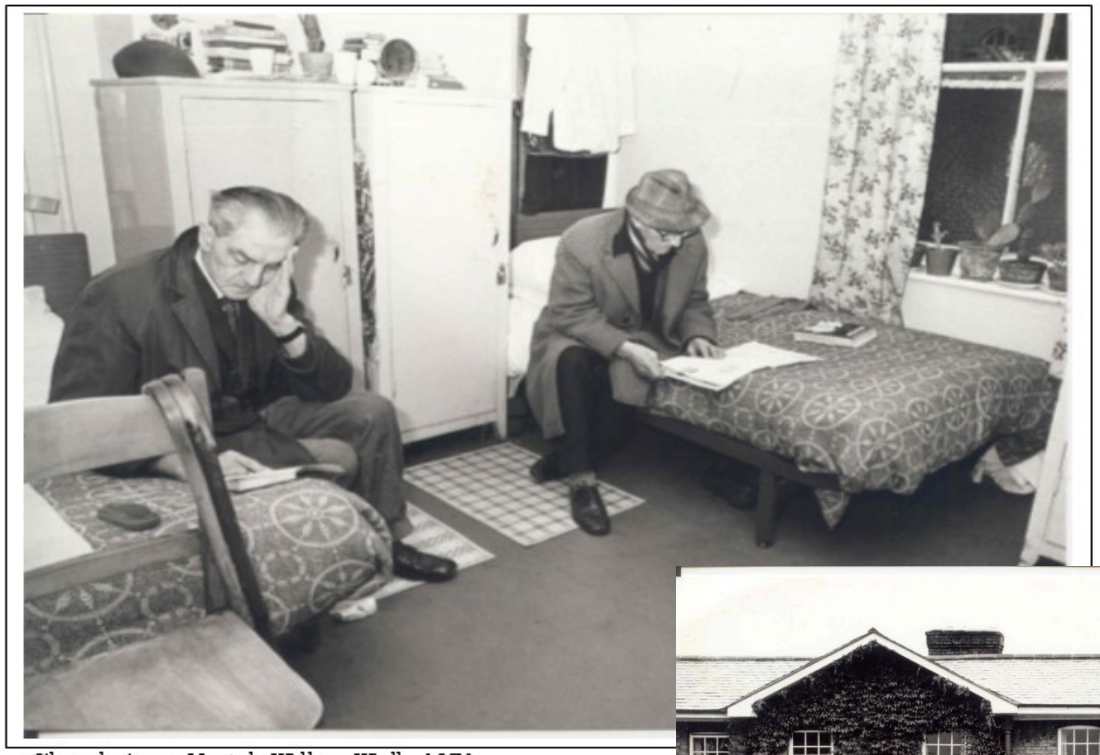


Church Army Hostel, Willow Walk, 1978

c.32.9 : poor law, workhouses, old people's homes

headlines
Clara Rackham recalled conditions in the Cambridge workh
were a number of children with their parents. These were ei
tramps who took refuge in the winter and took to the roads
babies were cared for by the best of the inmates. Orphans w
people sat in their crowded day-rooms, clothed in their work
Mondays. Dinner three days a week was a plate of pea soup

1891 Stephen Mansfield founds 4 almshouses, South Ter

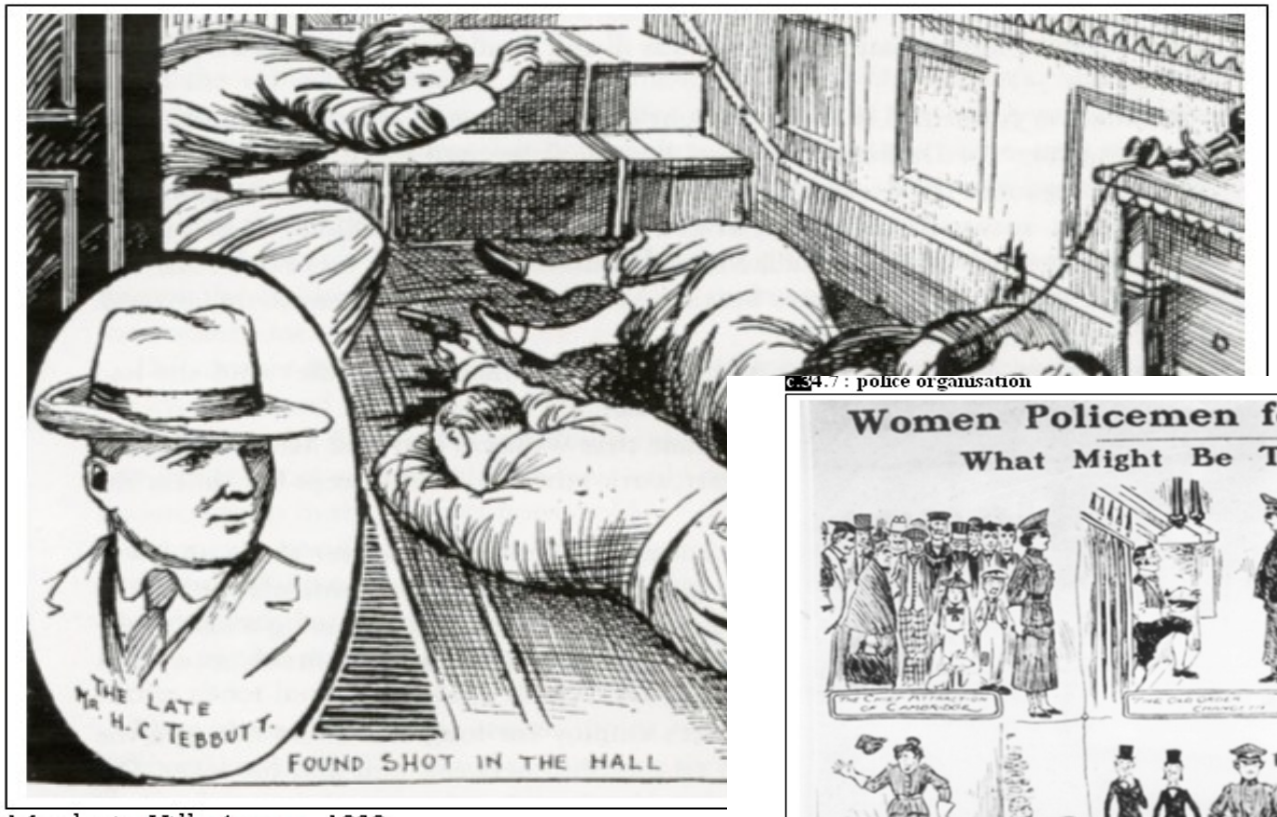
c.32.9: poverty

c.33 - politics

c.33: politics

headlines

Election tactics long ago – Enid Porter – 59 10 07 & a
Eighty-year-old Henry Palmer of Bradmore Street had lively recollection of some of the old election fights between the Whigs and Tories. "I have seen the shop windows broken and the blood running in the streets and the paths all slippy and sloppy with it. They used to have barrels of beer on Parker's Piece and knock the head in and dip the beer out in pails and hand it round. The political parties used to be hot in those days" He also recalled how a man who lived in the



Murder in Hills Avenue, 1932

c.34.6 : crime & punishment
see also police c. 34.7 and courts c. 34.9

headlines

1888 letter threatens "Jack the Ripper" treatment to lad

1891 girl escapes from Spinning House & is re-arreste
official convicted of carelessness & ignorance in exercis
series of meetings called to sort out the matter [2.16]
1891 Spinning House escape, cartoon, how University

1892 Daisy Hopkins case [346.1.2]

c.34.7 : police organisation

Women policemen cartoon, c1900 90.69

headlines

William Maltby of Devonshire Road joined the police force in 1849, rising to the rank of inspector. In those days constables wore top hats instead of helmets with cut-away coats around which they wore a belt of piratical proportions. There were only 30 constables, two inspectors and a superintendent whose headquarters were in Emmanuel Road.
07 03 15
1895 new County & police courts in Guildhall St [2.17]

1897
Charity Commission scheme; corporation get entire use of Spinning House to expand police station, rebuild one day 1897 02 06 CDN

c.34.6: crime
c.34.7: police

Motor fire engine leaves station in St Andrew's Street, 1920 *156.08*

c.34.75: fires

c.34.75 : fires

headlines
Volunteer Fire Brigade formed 1875, another at Chesterton amalgamated 1911; 1921 replaced by Police fire brigade till Fire Brigades Act 1938 when every county borough or county district to organise; 1939-45 became NFS & to local control - Cambs 1948 [446.16.1]

1890 biggest fire in 30 years at Clare college [1.3]

1895 2 die in fire at tobacconists, Trinity Street, - Ch 15 Mar 1895, [1.4]

1896 fire at candle factory [1.21]

1897
Station Road fire, 1897 07 07 p2 & 8th, p3 CDN
1897 There was a large attendance of the public when the annual inspection of the Cambridge

County gaol, Castle Hill 1930 *68.62*

c.34.9 : courts, prisons
see c. 34.6 for other stories

c.34.9: prisons

Judges stay at Trinity College – history by F.A. Reeve – 64 01 25

Hangings at Cambridge County Gaol & elsewhere

1801 03	William Grimshaw, house breaking
1802 04	William Wright & John Bullock, arson
1812 03 28	William Nightingale, alias Bird, forgery
1812 08 08	Daniel Dawson, poisoning horse at Newmarket
1816 06 28	John Dennis, Isaac Harley, Thomas Smith, William Beamiss & George Crow, Littleport riots, *at Ely*
1817	John Scare, burglary Whittlesford
1819 08 06	Thomas Weems, murdered wife Arrington
1824 04 03	John Lane, rape

Shire Hall at opening 1964 *86.203*

c.35.1 : county admin - County Hall

headlines

1888 County Council established under Local Government Act, much of business previously transacted by Quarter Sessions assigned to them. Offices established in various parts of the town & Council meetings held in Guildhall [3.7,3.1,3.2]

1901 Cambridge may be justly congratulated on her County Councillors. The meeting was opened and conducted throughout in a very business-like & decorous manner. Good nature, a courtly yielding to others and a desire to be conciliatory seemed to be general. The language was decidedly moderate. Another noticeable feature is the large number of young men on the Council. Youthful spirits will go on working cheerfully instead of mournfully shaking their heads and eternally speaking of the "good old times c01 03 27

c.35.1: county government

c.35.7 : Cambridge Corporation

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Civic procession to Gt St Mary's *156.96*

c.35.7 : city council
headlines

Guildhall and Market Hill site – history by Mrs Keynes – 37 02 18

1833 Corporation commissioners report, 1833 – 08 05 09b & c

1859 Redevelopment scheme for Guildhall site, 1859 – history – 59 08 14b & c

1888 Local Government Act results in two Councillors being appointed annually by University Senate & four others elected by Colleges
1888 death of Edmund Foster, Town Clerk [3.6]
1888 Chesterton UDC electors vote in favour of erection of new bridge (Victoria Bridge), apply for Act [3.7]

c.35.7: Cambridge Corporation

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Water Street, Chesterton c1900 *105.01*

c.35.7- boundary extension etc - included in chronological summary headlines

c.35.7: boundary expansion

1888 Chesterton UDC electors vote in favour of erection of new bridge (Victoria Bridge), apply for Act [3.7]
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1889 Cambridge Improvement Commissioners powers pass to Town Council Newnham Croft electors favour incorporation into Borough [3.8]
1889 discussions on draft provisional Local Government Order and its significance for Cambridge [3.9]

1897 Chesterton amalgamation : electors vote 985 to 349 against incorporation into Borough [1.17]

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Guildhall construction 1936 *161.58*

c.35.78: Guildhall

c.35.78 : Guildhall
headlines

1772 new Guildhall built to designs by James Essex; it was partially obscured behind the Shire House of Hall which moved to Castle Hill in 1842. Before long the Guildhall was too small & very inadequate

1897 Belcher design 'preserved simplicity & avoided the charge of unnecessary extravagance; cost estimated £40,000 with likelihood would rise to £60,000; considered extravagant & dropped. Meanwhile existing building had municipal offices & police court tacked on but by 1920s overcrowding was back again.

c.36.5 : Schools

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St Andrew's School, Chesterton closure, 1981 *160.13*

c.36.5 - schools

headlines

1887 University correspondence college., Burlington House, founded to provide University education by postal tuition - occupational [446.12.4]

1890 Perse Boys new school opposite Roman Catholic church, founded 1617 (prep school to Trumpington Rd 1954, new school buildings opened 1961 [11.1]

1893 Church Industrial School Victoria Road closed [3.1]

1894 Ross Street Boys opened [2.21]

1895 Union Road Roman Catholic School enlarged [3.6]

1896 Park Street Higher Grade opened [3.4]

c.36.5: schools

c.36.52 : Language schools.

Language school students gather on Peas Hill, 1988 *170.95*

1952 Davies school opened, moved Bateman St 1958 so oldest of kind in city [NS.1.12]
1952 boom in teaching English to foreigners; were 30 foreign students outside University; this summer more than 1,000 in local language schools, some of which taken over colleges for Long Vacation; fees £2.10.0 week [1.1]

1955 The Bell School of Languages in Cranmer Road, Cambridge was opened by the Chancellor of Cambridge University, Marshal of the Royal Air Force, Lord Tedder. This term 50 men and women from 22 countries including Germany, Cambodia, Saudi Arabia and Finland are studying there. The Principal, Mr Bell, said the aim was not only to teach the way we say things but the way we do them and warned students not to be 'a little colony of foreigners in England' 55 10 01 & a

1957 "our foreign students are bored to tears" [2.4]

c.36.52: language schools

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CCAT building, East Road 1983 68.58

c.36.7: adult education

c.36.7: adult education

TECHNICAL COLLEGE
In 1850s attempt to start a School of Art had failed, in 1858 held soiree with an inaugural address by Mr Ruskin. School opened November 1858 at 9 Sidney Street, by 1862 had moved Guildhall & in 1889 the Technical Instruction Act was passed & Borough Council made grant of 3100 & built small Institute for Technical Education in East Road. 1902 Education Act changed status of school for County made responsible for Higher Education though Borough continued grant & housed school. Collier Road site opened 1909 by American Ambassador. 1921 Education Act pioneered day continuation schools pointing need for systematic technical education. By 1923 had department of Commerce & provides courses for apprentices in building, printing & scientific laboratories. 1920s saw period continual growth & appearance of full-time students - 15 in 1921, 117 by 1930.

These are evidence of development of the Trade School from which many departments present college grown - train boys & girls for employment in skilled industries - though give no guarantee of work due unemployment situation.

c.36.9 : University

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Prince Philip leads Chancellor's parade, 1987 *141.95*

c.36.9 : University - administration, teaching, departments & research
headlines
dept

c.36.9: University

When Charles Darwin came to receive his Honorary Degree in the Senate House, years ago, undergraduates rose to the occasion. A thin chord had been quietly run across from one gallery to the other and just as the Orator began his choicest Latin praise, there suddenly slid down and swung, exactly over Darwin's head, the huge airy imitation of an ape dangling a rusty chain labelled 'Missing Link'. The laughter baffled all the efforts of the proctors to maintain order, even the grave and reverend dons could not help joining in. CWN 09 07 02
Cavendish Laboratory and the atom bomb – book 61 04 14
Cavendish Laboratory made its own equipment – F.A. Reeve – 61 11 09a

1890 Phillina Fawcett placed above Senior Wrangler in Part 1 Maths Tripos [4.2.7.20]

Protest over student grants, February 1973 *155.96*

c.36.92 : undergraduate life
includes rags, protest, women etc which also listed separately

headlines

towards close of Edwardian era at 20 Trinity St "young gentlemen reclined in their rooms consuming larks on toast using silver cutlery brought with them at the beginning of term - suite consisted of sitting room and bedroom, 9 sets in building converted from two houses into one boarding establishment; each had laden coal scuttle each day, baths run & gentlemen called at predetermined times; 9 suits of clothes carefully cleaned & pressed the day before were placed at ready, anything-g other than suits was seldom worn; 9 fires lit & 9 breakfasts served in own room; as day went on all chairs etc covered by sheets and dusting would begin. Typical breakfast include fish, fruit or popular mixed grill featuring devilled kidneys. In kitchen a large wickerwork basket housed each mans silver cutlery, a large wardrobe contained individual sets of linen brought up at beginning of term while large cellar contained nine racks for each mans stock of

c.36.92: undergraduate life

Mock Funeral procession, c1910

'Ragging' cartoon, c1905 175.12

c.36.93 : **University – rags – undergraduate excesses**
see also Bonfire night, May week, Poppy Day rag

Cambridge rags – history feature – 59 11 20 &
headlines
1888 Prince of Wales birthday - farm wagon drawn by 2 hor
in various attire followed by crowds parades street (6.11.88)

1897 University debate women's degrees; poll 1,707 to 661
House, bonfire Market Hill [1.8, 3.5, 8.10]
1897 After the Senate House scenes yesterday (when the Ur
women) there was a brief respite. It was the calm before the st
grand gathering of the clans. Undergraduates began trooping th
obviously a pre-arranged rendezvous - the Market Hill. From the four corners of the square fire
was opened upon everybody and everything within range. Bombs, hand-rockets, and every

c.36.93: rags
c.36.95: bonfire night

c.36.94: bonfire night

1898
Saturday was a typical "fifth" in Cambridge. Faithfully following the precedent set in former years a number of Varsity men and townspeople assembled in the market place, which for three hours or so was crowded with excitable and pugilisitically-inclined youths, representing Town and gown. The Gown driven from pillar to post by the howling mob, appeared to be greatly terrified, and despite the vigilance of the police, of whom a large number were told off for special duty, the celebration was not entirely free from violence. Neither town nor gown missed many opportunities of displaying their physical prowess and many are the reports circulated as to the results of the pugilistic encounters that ensued c1898 11 06

1899 The attention of the University Council of Senate has been called to the disorder which attended the bonfire on November 24th, 1898 when the actual destruction of property was considerable. They recommend that members of the University are forbidden to take part in making or lighting of bonfires in public places within the precincts of the university. Members offending will render themselves liable to be punished by suspension, rustication, expulsion or otherwise c1899 02 09

'Magic Roundabout' at Rag Day 1971

c.39.95 : Poppy day rag

1921 rags seemed to have reached climax after WWI, by 1920 "a ne
energy, originality & daring is being poured into organising elaborate
Michaelmas 1921 was great term for rags : Senate opened academic y
degrees for women; became political issue; first rag of burning gates o
voting day a colossal mock funeral for 'The death of the Varsity' with
graduate being borne on a bier surrounded by aged mourners whose lo
dust; Armistice Day heralded by great Gun Day when German gun rer
1921 first collection made on 26 November passed smoothly (not d
undergrads asked that this collection be organised entirely by their con
responsibility that no incidents [38]

1922 If the Cambridge undergraduate can find any excuse for a "rag" he invariably organises a more or less elaborate affair. Yesterday's "circus" was a rag that everybody could enjoy; it did no

c.39.95: poppy day
c.36.96: mock funerals

Mock Funeral, Market Street, 1962 *104.64*

c.36.96 : mock funerals

Mock Funerals

1899 Yesterday afternoon the attention was attracted by what seemed to be an imposing funeral procession. But this was no ordinary funeral for instead of the usual hease an open landau led the way and this was occupied by three young men who wore "the trappings of woe" very lightly. Following were nearly a score of hansoms. It is alleged that at the end of last term at student of Queens' college "ragged" a couple of Freshmen's rooms. The matter was reported to the University authorities who came to the conclusion he should be sent down for a year. His friends resolved to show their disapproval. Before the train left the company whistled the "Dead March" and it left amid ringing cheers 1899 02 17

1899 When residents in St Andrew's street, Cambridge, saw a procession of cabs passing onward "all mournful and slow" to the railway station the people knew that someone had been sent down from the University. From Emmanuel college a youth emerged and under a shower of rice made hurriedly for the cab waiting at the door. The driver, "Gentleman Joe" wore a tall hat draped with crape, and so did the drivers of some four cabs what followed. The hero of the hour entered the Great Northern Station, the train moving out to the strains of "Auld Lang Syne".

May Week celebrations, 1969 *98.33*

c.36.97 : May Week
(see also c. 38 : rowing)

c.36.97: May Week

1899 The gaieties of the May Term have today been enhanced by the appearance of the Australian cricketers. Last night famous Grassy and Ditton Paddock were the scene of brilliant assemblages of beauty and fashion. Cambridge is full for the Eights week and looking at her best. The fair sex - a mighty host - seem to be arrayed in their most killing attire. Almost everybody - who is anybody - seems to have got his people "up", and everybody's people appear resolutely determined to enjoy themselves - 1899 06 08

1901 On the occasion of the annual ball the precincts of picturesque Clare college were lavishly illuminated and decorated. The centre path of the court was covered in and carpeted; palms were placed in groups on the lawn and the whole court made brilliant with hundreds of fairy lamps and Chinese lanterns. Rows of fairy lamps along the river side gave the garden a particularly beautiful appearance. Dancing took place in the hall and the combination room. There were 21 dances on the programme and three supper dances. Supper was set in the reading room c01 06 14

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Women's degree vote, Senate House 1897 *74.03*

c.36.98 : University - women

c.36.98: university women

1873 The very first girl student to attend University lectures in Cambridge, Miss Dove, is going to be the first lady mayor in English history. She must not be confused with the common or garden suffragette. All her life she has been something of a pioneer. She was one of the little group of twelve ladies who enrolled at Miss Emily Davies' college, then carried on at Hitchin, and the very first to enter the new building at Girton where the students re-assembled in October 1873 CWN 08 10 30 p5

1890 Phillipa Fawcett placed above Senior Wrangler in part 1 Maths Tripos (appointed Principal Assistant London County Council Education Department in 1905) [4.2, 7.20]

Church of England Temperance Society procession, 1913

c.37 : societies
headlines

1888 Philo Union wound up [2.12]

1897
St Barnabas Institute opening (illus), 1897 11 02 p3 CDN

1898 The Cambridge YWCA, having found its old quarters growing t
to its requirements has obtained Geneva House, Regent Street, and there
quarters. Yesterday a meeting was convened at which the Vice Chancell
presided and spoke. He said that the new premises were in every way m
the Association. In their new house the windows of the back rooms, whi
those most used by the young women, overlooked his garden, and he wa
himself of an idea they would keep an eye on him. The Master of Trinity
had known nothing of the removal, and had been ignorant of the nature
address. He did not like to trust his eyes, which were not of the best. He
experience known an educational establishment change its quarters with

c.37: societies
c.37.9: youth groups

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Boy Scout parade, Bridge Street, c1910 52.02

c.37.9 : youth groups

1902 The members of the Cambridge Y.M.C.A. celebrated their jubilee with a soiree in their rooms in Alexandra Street. 50 years ago the Church of England Young Men's Society and the Sunday School Teachers' Institute amalgamated, forming the Association. It settled in Rose Crescent. In 1853 it moved to larger premises at 5, Sidney Street, moving to Hobson Place in 1858 and then St Edward's Passage. In 1870 the first stone was laid of their present building; it was completed a year later. To call the soiree a success is scarcely adequate; the visitors never had a dull moment from the time they entered the door until the National Anthem brought the evening to a close CDN 1902 10 24

1905 The Cambridge "Girl's Realm" Guild was founded in connection with the "Girl's Realm Magazine" and members do all they can for the sick by sending toys, picture-books and garments for distribution among the poor. Any boy can become a 'squire' at a subscription of one shilling. A Factory Girls Home has been built in Kennington Road, London to assist tired work-girls who would not otherwise gain relief from the year's toil 05 12 02a

c.38 : sport

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c.38: sport, chronological

Athletic mums, 1950s *123.74*

c.38: sport

headlines

1888 rowing : undergraduate killed in Bumps accident when pointed bow hit ribs when rowing & ribs pierced his heart, Stearn the photographer took photo which proves rudder defective [5.26,5.27]

1888 skating : proposal to flood Stourbridge Common for skating [5.25]

1888 swimming : Cambridge University & Town Swimming Baths Company established [5.28, 6.1]

1889 cricket ; County Cricket Association formed [4.10,5.1]

c.38: sport a-z

c.38 : sports a-z

Competitors, King's Parade c1900

c.38 : Athletics
includes running, marathons

188- Charlie Rowell long-distance champion – feature
1880 Champion runner Mike Newton came to Folk Mus
There he was able to wear a belt won 100 years ago by Ch
Champion of the World. He first won it at Madison Square
on to gain it outright with three six-day wins in succession
running 258 miles in 48 hours has remained unbeaten for

1902 The fifth annual race promoted by the Cambridge
the county course. The competitors having been photograp
Champion of the County, F. Hewish was the first man hon
second place and H.H. Stacey was third. The Albert Institu

Good Friday skipping, Parker's Piece, 1937 *181.30a*

c.39 : folklore, customs

see also c 36.94 for bonfire night, c .36.96 for mock funerals

1889 death J.W. Skeels, town crier 28 years [Misc.6.4] Ch 25.10.1889 p3 1932

1897 May Day is the name of a holiday that calls up all sorts of pretty rustic associations. In Cambridge the first day of the merry month is a most unromantic reality. A few small children straggle about the streets with more or less pretentious garlands and a Jack-in-the-Green may occasionally be caught sight of, but beyond this May Day in Cambridge is a memory of the past. In connection with Hobson-street chapel there was a "May morning breakfast" at which there was

c.39: customs

c.43: Archives (includes Cambridgeshire Collection)

1924

The Cambridge Library committee proposes to transfer the local collection to a more easily accessible position. At the present time it is shelved on the gallery in the committee room and few people realise the wealth of material to be found. It is proposed to transfer all bound volumes to the shelves in general, but it would be fatal to allow unlimited access and it is suggested that frames be fitted with brass wire lattice. The whole collection requires to be classified so that readers may see at a glance the extent of material on any subject c24 10 20

1929 01 28

Certain documents of an historical nature are stored in Cambridge prison on Castle Hill and access is permitted to University students for the purpose of study. But if a County Hall is built on the site the Prison will be pulled down and the documents removed. The University fears that they would lose a very big educational factor and urge the County Council to provide accommodation for them in their new building. Having regard to the tendency of modern legislation to give Councils more work they would probably require considerably more accommodation at the end of 20 years and such storage would then be valuable for administrative purposes - 29 01 28

1934 11 12

Until recently it was customary for some of the Cambridge Corporation documents to be in the private possession of the town clerk. When Thomas Yorke died in 1756 he had a large quantity of treasurer’s accounts in his possession. His executor put them into a chest in St Michael’s Church for safe keeping, but then he died and nobody claimed them. They did not belong to the parish and when space was wanted the clerk was authorised to sell them as waste paper. John Bowtell, the University bookbinder, bought the whole lot, Dr Palmer told the Women’s Luncheon Club. They were now preserved in Downing College. 34 11 12a & b

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Opening of Cripps Building, St John;'s College 1967 *157.59*

c.44.5: colleges

c.44.6 : Streets

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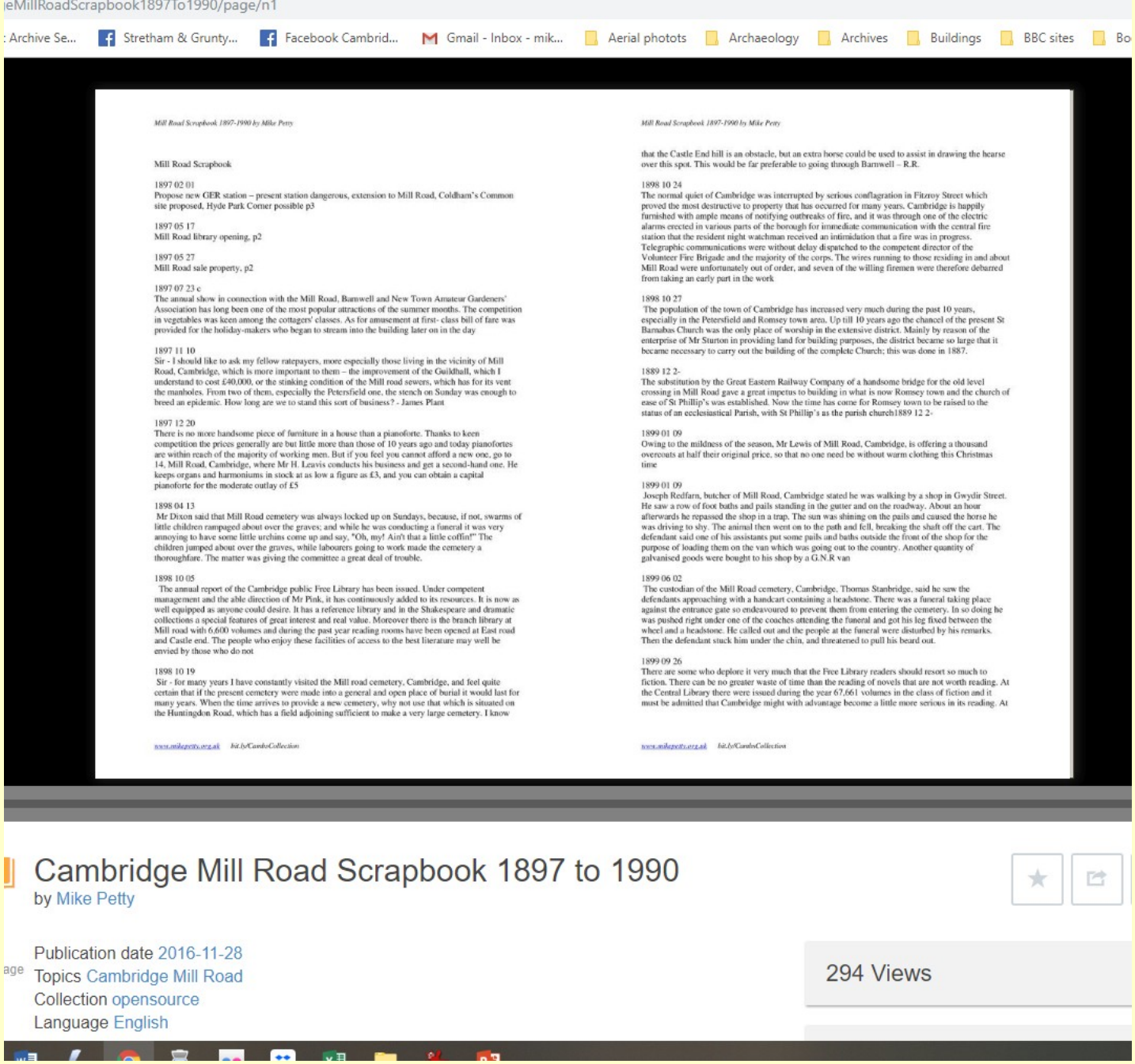
Petty Cury c1970 *152.51*

1888 Tenison Road : council want to borrow £4,000 to build [3.24]
1888 Trinity Street : St Michaels Court built [IC.10.16]

1889 King Street : Jubys Court "insanitary" [3.25]
1889 Sir – The Mill Road footbridge over the railway line was opened to the public on Monday August 3rd 1889. I was the last one to take the keys of the gates to the station – William Nelson. Sir - The iron footbridge over the railway on Mill Road had wooden steps and gave access to the open fields beyond it. In fact, so countrified was the area that when the Royal Standard was built it was known as 'Apthorpe's Folly' from William Apthorpe the brewer who built it. The bridge now stands on Coldham Common where it spans the Newmarket Line – H.D.C. 35 01 26 [2.21]
1889 Mill Road railway bridge was built in 1889 and Percy North, the well-known chiropodist, remembers playing under the bridge arches when they were being constructed. There was a level

c.44.6: streets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1897 02 01
Propose new GER station – present station dangerous, extension to Mill Road, Coldham's Common site proposed, Hyde Park Corner possible p3
1897 05 17
Mill Road library opening, p2
1897 05 27
Mill Road sale property, p2
1897 07 23 c
The annual show in connection with the Mill Road, Barnwell and New Town Amateur Gardeners' Association has long been one of the most popular attractions of the summer months. The competition in vegetables was keen among the cottagers' classes. As for amusement at first- class bill of fare was provided for the holiday-makers who began to stream into the building later on in the day
1897 11 10
Sir - I should like to ask my fellow ratepayers, more especially those living in the vicinity of Mill Road, Cambridge, which is more important to them – the improvement of the Guildhall, which I understand to cost £40,000, or the stinking condition of the Mill road sewers, which has for its vent the manholes. From two of them, especially the Petersfield one, the stench on Sunday was enough to breed an epidemic. How long are we to stand this sort of business? - James Plant
1897 12 20
There is no more handsome piece of furniture in a house than a pianoforte. Thanks to keen competition the prices generally are but little more than those of 10 years ago and today pianofortes are within reach of the majority of working men. But if you feel you cannot afford a new one, go to 14, Mill Road, Cambridge, where Mr H. Leavis conducts his business and get a second-hand one. He keeps organs and harmoniums in stock at as low a figure as £3, and you can obtain a capital pianoforte for the moderate outlay of £5
1898 04 13
Mr Dixon said that Mill Road cemetery was always locked up on Sundays, because, if not, swarms of little children rampaged about over the graves; and while he was conducting a funeral it was very annoying to have some little urchins come up and say, "Oh, my! Ain't that a little coffin!" The children jumped about over the graves, while labourers going to work made the cemetery a thoroughfare. The matter was giving the committee a great deal of trouble.
1898 10 05
The annual report of the Cambridge public Free Library has been issued. Under competent management and the able direction of Mr Pink, it has continuously added to its resources. It is now as well equipped as anyone could desire. It has a reference library and in the Shakespeare and dramatic collections a special features of great interest and real value. Moreover there is the branch library at Mill road with 6,600 volumes and during the past year reading rooms have been opened at East road and Castle end. The people who enjoy these facilities of access to the best literature may well be envied by those who do not
1898 10 19
Sir - for many years I have constantly visited the Mill road cemetery, Cambridge, and feel quite certain that if the present cemetery were made into a general and open place of burial it would last for many years. When the time arrives to provide a new cemetery, why not use that which is situated on the Huntingdon Road, which has a field adjoining sufficient to make a very large cemetery. I know
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that the Castle End hill is an obstacle, but an extra horse could be used to assist in drawing the hearse over this spot. This would be far preferable to going through Barnwell – R.R.
1898 10 24
The normal quiet of Cambridge was interrupted by serious conflagration in Fitzroy Street which proved the most destructive to property that has occurred for many years. Cambridge is happily furnished with ample means of notifying outbreaks of fire, and it was through one of the electric alarms erected in various parts of the borough for immediate communication with the central fire station that the resident night watchman received an intimidation that a fire was in progress. Telegraphic communications were without delay dispatched to the competent director of the Volunteer Fire Brigade and the majority of the corps. The wires running to those residing in and about Mill Road were unfortunately out of order, and seven of the willing firemen were therefore debarred from taking an early part in the work
1898 10 27
The population of the town of Cambridge has increased very much during the past 10 years, especially in the Petersfield and Romsey town area. Up till 10 years ago the chancel of the present St Barnabas Church was the only place of worship in the extensive district. Mainly by reason of the enterprise of Mr Sturton in providing land for building purposes, the district became so large that it became necessary to carry out the building of the complete Church; this was done in 1887.
1889 12 2-
The substitution by the Great Eastern Railway Company of a handsome bridge for the old level crossing in Mill Road gave a great impetus to building in what is now Romsey town and the church of ease of St Phillip's was established. Now the time has come for Romsey town to be raised to the status of an ecclesiastical Parish, with St Phillip's as the parish church1889 12 2-
1899 01 09
Owing to the mildness of the season, Mr Lewis of Mill Road, Cambridge, is offering a thousand overcoats at half their original price, so that no one need be without warm clothing this Christmas time
1899 01 09
Joseph Redfarn, butcher of Mill Road, Cambridge stated he was walking by a shop in Gwydir Street. He saw a row of foot baths and pails standing in the gutter and on the roadway. About an hour afterwards he repassed the shop in a trap. The sun was shining on the pails and caused the horse he was driving to shy. The animal then went on to the path and fell, breaking the shaft off the cart. The defendant said one of his assistants put some pails and baths outside the front of the shop for the purpose of loading them on the van which was going out to the country. Another quantity of galvanised goods were bought to his shop by a G.N.R van
1899 06 02
The custodian of the Mill Road cemetery, Cambridge, Thomas Stanbridge, said he saw the defendants approaching with a handcart containing a headstone. There was a funeral taking place against the entrance gate so endeavoured to prevent them from entering the cemetery. In so doing he was pushed right under one of the coaches attending the funeral and got his leg fixed between the wheel and a headstone. He called out and the people at the funeral were disturbed by his remarks. Then the defendant stuck him under the chin, and threatened to pull his beard out.
1899 09 26
There are some who deplore it very much that the Free Library readers should resort so much to fiction. There can be no greater waste of time than the reading of novels that are not worth reading. At the Central Library there were issued during the year 67,661 volumes in the class of fiction and it must be admitted that Cambridge might with advantage become a little more serious in its reading. At
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Cambridge Mill Road Scrapbook 1897 to 1990
by Mike Petty
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Topics Cambridge Mill Road
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c.44.6: streets Scrapbooks for 50 districts including Arbury, East Road, Kite, Market, Mill Road, Trumpington

Councillors inspect Elizabeth Bridge from ferry, 1966 *73.93*

c.44.7 – bridges & ferries

Dant, Cutter ferry history and account of barge traffic – 62 08 03b & c

headlines

In 1880-81 Headley and Edwards built an iron bridge over the river near Coe Fen and in 1897-8 the sum of £411 15s was paid for Robinson Crusoe bridge. But mystery surrounds the name. Leases from 1500 call the site the Swan's Nest which, with the old stock of boats, was sold by

c.44.7: bridges

c.45 : Military Activity

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c.45 military history

Inspection of C.U.O.T.C. motor cycle section *74.5*

c.45.4 – to 1914
headlines

Note : includes Cambridgeshire Regiment stories from Riddell & Clayton (RC0

Cambridge Loyal Association, 1797 – volunteers of 100 years ago by Arthur B. Gray - Ch

University Officers Training Corps; valuable work in peace and war; Col Edwards' lon record – feature – 19 11 26a

Cambridgeshire Regiment history – Volunteer corps 1860-1905 60 04 12

Sir – I happen to live opposite the field-gun in Tenison Road. It is not a relic of the Gre a captured trophy from the Boer War. To me it represents history and the enormous sac made by the pick of our population. Our war memorials tell our children of a great deli

c.45.4: military 1888-1913
c.45.5: military 1914-1919

Armoured motor cars on Market Hill, 1915 *168.07*

c.45.5: military history 1914-1919

During the Great War food was in short supply and Motor Agents were told to buy up mechanical implements. They managed to get some tractors and others arrived from America. Ladies, college tutors and errand boys came forward to drive and groups of engineers formed to attend them. At first they ploughed both day and night though farmers complained they turned up the sub-soil, making the land unusable. Now, once more at war, we must grow more food, Rotarians were told. 39 09 20e

1914 Jan
Territorial recruiting week has seen the Cambridgeshire Regiment up to full strength proving patriotic feeling remains strong and true. The wave of enthusiasm is spreading with recruits coming forward in gratifying numbers in Ely, March and Soham, proving Fenmen are determined not to be outdone in sturdy patriotism by the men of Cambridge. March is experiencing a wonderful revival of military fervour; the numbers had sunk very low but now there is every prospect the Company will be brought up to full strength. – pic Col Louis Tebbutt & Capt H. Littledale, parade outside Gt St Mary's – 14 01 16 j,k,l – 430 recruits

Unveiling Memorial to Victory, 1922 *142.74*

c.45.6 :military 1920-1938

1920 Haig & Jellico awarded Honorary Degrees [4.1]
1920 war memorial, £6,000 to Addenbrooke's Hospital, skeleton frame erected Station Road corner [455.8.23]
ⓘ0 Memorial Unveiled—The parochial war memorial in connection with St. John Hills Road, Cambridge was unveiled last (Tuesday) evening by Bishop Price, Archdeacon of Ely. The memorial, which was designed by Mr. A. P. Macalister takes the form of a tablet in the south wall of the chancel. Underneath the representation of a dove hovering over a field of battle, is a polished brass plate bearing the names of 45 men of the parish who fell in the war. The memorial is in Hopton Wood stone in early English style, and was executed by Messrs. Leyton and Leach 20 06 02 CIPof
1920 Training disable soldiers – 100 in classes for diamond cutting, clock repairing, jewellery, carpentry and joinery and bespoke tailoring; men come from around the country - CDN 20 07 13
1920 Borough War Memorial.—Statue of Soldier Recommended. Station Road Corner Site. A meeting was held at the Cambridge Guildhall yesterday (Tuesday) of the Monuments Sub-Committee of the Cambridgeshire Joint War Memorial. The meeting gave its final consideration

c.45.6: military 1920-1938

TUESDAY'S RAID IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE

Photo]

The wreckage of part of the eight Cambridgeshire houses.

Casualties in One Locality

There was no sign whatsoever of any panic. . . A.R.P. services went into operation smoothly and efficiently.

The A.F.S. speedily dealt with small outbreaks of fire and rescue and demolition parties removed most of the injured in a very short time.

Raid on Vicarage Terrace, 1940 *70.3*

c.45.7 – 1939-1945

NB see my CD-Rom of 100 Cambridge wartime headlines- not all inclu
summary

1939-45 -
during WWII hutments erected Brooklands Avenue for use American Red Cr
American forces [446.9.8]
Chesterton House requisitioned by Civil Defence [446.10.6]
60 Grange Rd - Silbury - was convalescent home run British Red Cross 1941,
convalescent home [446.12.5]
Hallen's requisitioned for military production, Air Ministry contract for repairing motor cycles in
east Anglia; by end of war had 100 employees [446.13.3]

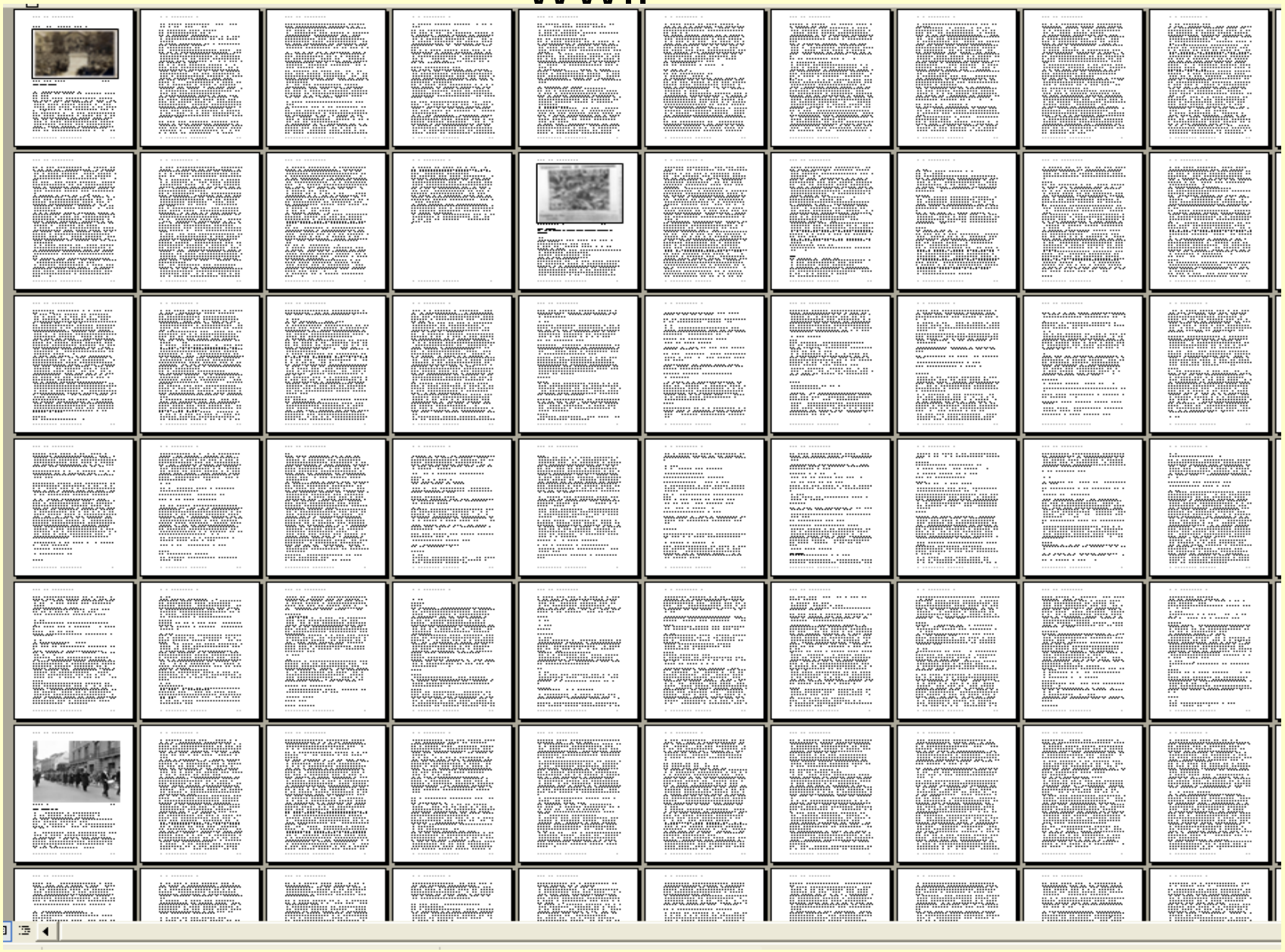
c.45.7: military 1939-45

CAMBRIDGE DAILY NEWS, Friday, January 31, 1941.

BOMBS NEXT DOOR — BUT SHE CARRIES ON!

Bombs dropped by a "tip and run" raider in an East Anglian town yesterday afternoon fell between two houses and caused local damage. Windows were also broken in the streets around. These pictures show scenes where the bombs fell. A housewife is calmly brushing from her window debris blown from the house next door, and Civil Defence workers are taking refreshment after their duties have been completed. It was learned to-day that the fatal casualties were only two, and not three, as was first believed.

There are over 40 pages of notes on WWII



CDN Protest 1962 *58.42*

c.45.8 – military - 1945 -

c.45.8: military 1945-1990

1946 US Hospitality hostess, Miss Lilian Bourne, leaves Cambridge [2.22]
1946 Abbey House offered for Folk Museum in recognition of VE day [2.16]
1946 German PoWs from Oakington attend Guildhall meeting [2.26]
1946 Cambridge University Air Squadron ceases its wartime function and reverts to peace-time role as flying centre for undergraduates – photo – 46 06 12
1946 If atom bomb dropped over Perse School it would damage all houses between Homerton College and Castle Hill, Newham and Gas Works; soon anybody will be able to manufacture it in

John Mellanby guides Richard III Society party *88.80*

c.46.45 : tourism

c.46.45: tourism

headlines

1906 About 500 day trippers from Manchester poured into Cambridge, attracting much attention. Most were obviously north-country lads and lasses, the lads in tweed clothes and caps, the lasses in more daring colours than usually seen, and all with an accent broad enough to span the Cam. " 'Aw, lad, but this is bonny little toon", said one to another. The Cam was prettier than their Ship Canal. It proved a greater attraction than the colleges and the visitors took practically sole possession of it. 06 05 19a

Mill Pool before Graduate Centre 160.57

c.46.5 : River Cam

Jesus Lock was designed by William Chadwell Mylne who advised the Cam Conservators in 1829 that the river to Clayhithe should be deepened and the number of locks reduced from four to two. The University feared that moving the lock from its old site at the Fort St George would not prevent flooding, so the famous engineer Thomas Telford was called in for advice. There has been concern that it might be replaced but now John Taylor of Coldham's Lane has helped obtain a preservation order to ensure its survival 89 08 24

1887 Summerhouse and walled garden, known as Hodson's Garden were built in 1887 by wealthy local resident John Hodson so that he could keep a watchful eye on his daughters bathing in the river and oversee a fish hatchery he had constructed nearby. The land it was on was common land which he had annexed and the borough council tried to remove him but failed. – CEN 20.8.2005; photo 71156/55

c.46.5: River Cam

c.49 : Planning

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Occupation Road dereliction, 1966 *139.77*

c.49.4 : planning (includes Lion Yard & Kite which are also listed separately)
headlines

c.49.4: planning

1888 1st large scale OS maps surveyed 2 years before published; Free Library purchase [Ch.13.4.88 p4]

1901 consider closing Emmanuel Street & new road St Andrews St to Drummer St - "gain a fine new road instead of an inconvenient one [1.6]

1903 Cambridge architect Edwin Bays has produced a plan for a new 60 feet-wide road from Downing Street to Guildhall Street, parallel to Corn Exchange Street. This would create valuable frontages for business premises on either side and lead to a site for a new Cambridgeshire County

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Park Street multi-storey being built, 1964 *54.40*

c.49.62 – roads and parking
(see also c. 26.48 – cars, c. 26.481 - parking)

c.49.62: roads & parking

headlines
1888 Tenison Road : council want to borrow £4,000 to build [3.24]

1889? Mill Road : bridge opened [2.21]
1889 Tenison Road : opened, all but completed [2.20,3.26]

1897 Guildhall Street : proposed new thoroughfare [2.19]
1898 The Cambridge surveyor gave particulars of what the council propose to do to the roads. From Station Road to St Andrew's street it was proposed to lay Australian "Jarrah" hardwood

Councillors discuss Kite – cartoon, April 1976

c.49.66 : Kite :

1936 Fitzroy Street shop owner blames losses on Corporation slum clearanc shops 36 05 30

1950 Holford report suggests historic centre unable meet shopping needs of Fitzroy Street as ... a valuable relief for shopping pressure on the older centre"

1952 Ninety-one percent of the properties in the East Road area of Cambridg "short life" or "no life" categories the Development Plan inquiry was told. The was described as "densely packed". The age of the houses was about 100 years generally poorly constructed and the worst property in Cambridge lay in the ar envisages using Norfolk Street as a local shopping centre to keep East Road fr route. But Mr S.P. Yarrow, retail grocer at 35 East Road said that if he went to turnover would be cut by half. B.G. Reynolds of Renbro Wireless Services, Ea had one of the best positions in the area and business would go down if he mov see why two shops in East Road should impede the flow of traffic. c52 11 15

Lion Yard redevelopment site, 1972 *154.52*

c.49.67 : Lion Yard

Lion Yard redevelopment history – 88 05 05b

headlines

1951 Cambridge Council is to recommend a scheme for a multi-deck car park at the Lion Yard. The Surveyor suggests all adjoining property owned by the council should be demolished, the opportunity being taken to widen Corn Exchange Street and St Tibb's Row and that the possibility of further extensions to St Andrews Hill for offices, shops or increased car park facilities should be borne in mind. He submitted a plan showing a building of six floors which could accommodate 825 cars c51 03 14 [1.12]

1956 If the City Council feel unable to implement the development of the Lion Yard area, then the Government should nominate the County Council as the acquiring and development authority

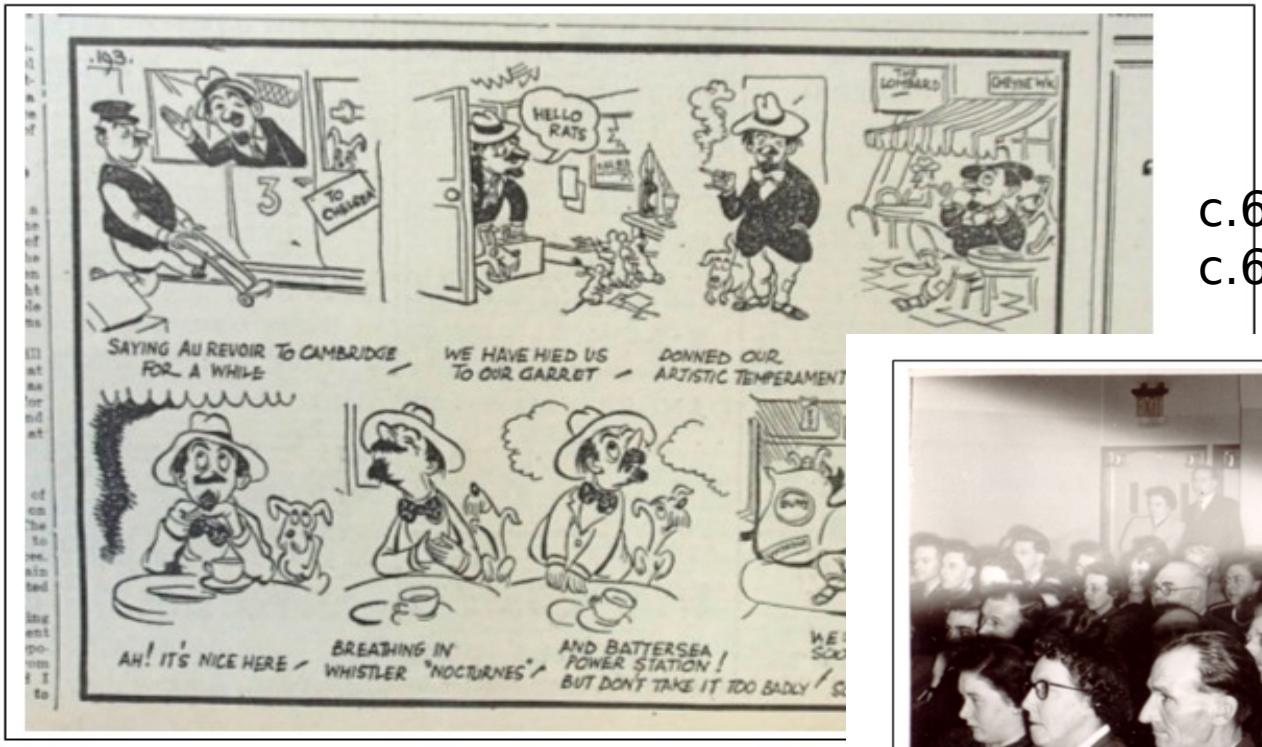
c.49.66: Kite
c.49.67: Lion Yard

Rance's Folly, 1950s *110.24*

c.61 – architecture
note: includes some of prominent buildings lost
headlines

61: architecture

1898 Cambridge town council accepted a design for new police and fire brigade buildings, which it is proposed to erect upon the Spinning House site. If the new station is erected the whole of the existing buildings, which are not conspicuous for their beauty, will be removed, with the exception of the chief constable's house, and the fire station and firemen's quarters will be completely isolated from the police building. A new main entrance will be erected and it is suggested that the present stone gateway to the police station should be removed to the back


HELLO RATS
SAYING AU REVOIR TO CAMBRIDGE FOR A WHILE
WE HAVE HIED US TO OUR GARRET
DONNED OUR ARTISTIC TEMPERAMENT
AH! IT'S NICE HERE
BREATHING IN WHISTLER 'NOCTURNES'
AND BATTERSEA POWER STATION!
BUT DON'T TAKE IT TOO BADLY

Ronald Searle leaves Cambridge - cartoon, July 1939

c.64 : artists
– started 25. 2.06 c.63

1901 Any attempt to portray life and characters at the 'Varsity, e
mentioning that wonderful, but indispensable, personage technicall
would be the basest ingratitude on the part of the portrayer, says M
"University Types". What if she does clean your teapot with paraff
breakfast in your room? Such little perquisites are well-earned by t
a motherly creature and known to stick staunchly to her "young ge
CDN 1901 08 24

1903 Sir – I believe a great number of antiquarians in Cambridg
Falcon Inn Yard in Petty Cury has been removed to make way for
quietly has the old Falcon taken flight that I fear our local photogra
pictures of the old buildings and its destruction has escaped even th

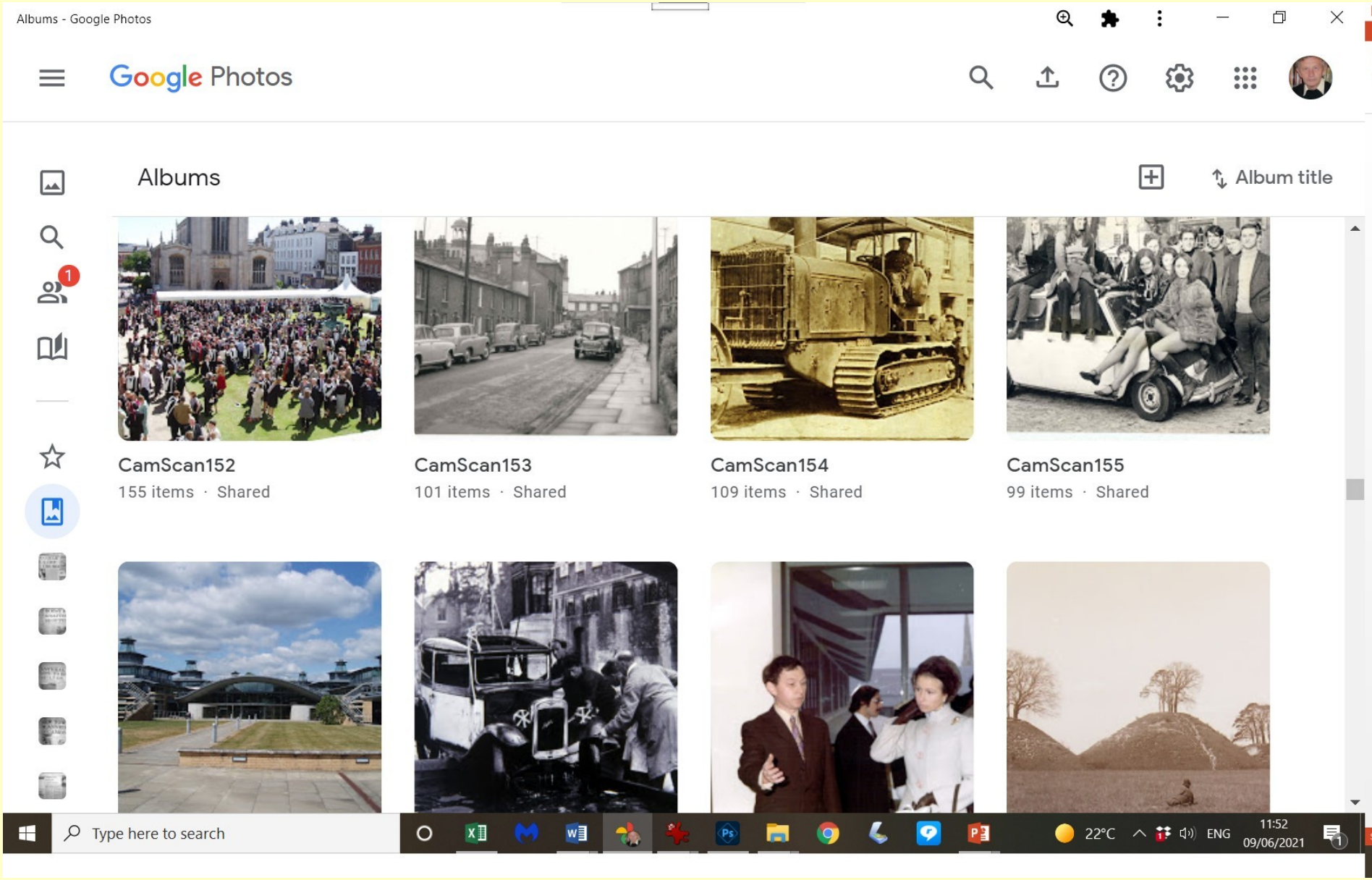
c.64: artists
c.65.5: photographers

Cambridge Camera Club member at film show, 1962 149.99

c.65.5 – photography

headlines
History of Cambridge photography – 60 08 22

Cabinet-size portraits were invented in the spring of 1866 and John Werge visiting Cambridge two years later was surprised to find Cambridge men had not adopted it; writing in 'Photographic News' of 10 April 1868 he says: 'while there is a rush for cabinet portraits in Oxford, Cambridge holds aloof. … lukewarmness of Cambridge photographers. Carte-de-visite size was most popular – 37 09 18a
George Proctor was earliest photographer, says Pink; he lived in New Square and died 1867.
Ernest Smart has a number of family portraits 39 12 30
Daguerreotype photographs were expensive and it was not until 1851 that a cheaper process came along. This was the collodion positive invented by Mr F. Scott Archer of Bishop's Stortford who died in 1857. These were framed portraits on glass and they were made in thousands at feasts in



c.65.5: photogaphs

c.69 : Music – 40 pages of notes

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The Rolling Stones at the Regal, 1963

c.69: music
c.69.9: dance

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New Year dance 1950s *123.45*

c.69 : music

Musical history of East Anglia – Charles Cudworth lecture – 62 07 10

headlines

1888 Excelsior Christy Minstrels concert at Cambridge Guildhall [2.22
1888 Mr Wood's Banjo Team concert [2.23]
1888 Hague Ingram's 133rd annual concert of classical music [2.24]

1889 X.L.C.R. Minstrels concert [2.25]
1889 lecture on the phonograph - a novelty in Cambridge [2.26]

c.69.2 : dance

1897 The Guildhall floor has become so unsafe that when a ball is held in the large room the most elaborate precautions have to be taken to support the beams in the ceiling of the Free Library beneath. This shoring-up process costs something like 30/- each time and is a sheer waste of money 1897 02 27 CDN

1904 cost of converting Corn Exchange for ball is several thousand pounds for one evening [6.19]

1905 Souza's band visits [3.17]

Compton organ at The Regal, 1971 *157.14*

c.69.4 : organs

1898 Henley Arthur Bedwell, a Cambridge piano and organ builder claimed £2 from the Great Eastern Railway for damages sustained by a piano and a case which had been considerably damaged by wet. The manager of the Cutter inn, Ely said he packed the piano before it was sent back. He took it to Ely station and deposited in a goods shed. James Merry, goods foreman at the station, gave evidence as to loading the piano safely on a truck. A tarpaulin was tied over it. There were some barrels of beer in the same wagon, but they were not leaking. Harold Pain, an optician, produced a register proving that there was no rain during the transit of the piano c1898 09 30

1906 Dr A.H. Mann, the University organist and chorus master, completed 30 years work in Cambridge. He was appointed organist of King's College in 1876, coinciding with the founding of the new choir school and important changes in the musical services at the chapel. They hoped his tenure of office at King's would match that of his predecessors – Dr Pratt (55 years) and Dr Randall, 66. 06 06 08a

c.69.4: organs
c.69.6: bells

Handbell ringers, 1890s *186.17*

c.69.6 : bellringing

1898 At the vestry meeting of St Paul's church, Cambridge the chairman said that every Sunday morning their quiet communion service was greatly disturbed by the Roman Catholic Church bells. When they first started they hoped they would get used to them, but, as they continued to disturb them he took the opportunity of speaking to the Roman Catholic priest, and he said he would consult his congregation. But for a long time he could get no response, but afterwards he replied that the St Paul's bells rang for five minutes before eight o'clock, and disturbed the Roman Catholic service. The speaker had given orders that St Paul's bell should be wrung for half a minute to warn the people, and half a minute when the service was to commence, and expressed a hope that the Roman Catholic priest would see his way to having his rung for a short time only. This he refused to do, and so every Sunday morning half the St Paul's quiet service was disturbed by the ringing of the Roman Catholic bells. Mr Catling also spoke of the noisy bells of the Catholic Church, and the disturbance caused to those living around c1898 04 10

1899 Sir – In order to affix the new clock St Matthews church bells have been floored. A very strong protest should be made against the bells being again re-hung, for of all the abominable, discordant clanging, nothing can be compared to them for wretched sound. Instead of drawing

c.76 : Theatres & Cinemas

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THE NEW VICTORIA CINEMA.

THE Victoria Cinema has once again thrown open its doors to the populace and undergraduates of Cambridge after two years of inactivity. During that period the old cinema, nightly mecca of Clara Bow fans, has been completely demolished, and in its place there has been erected the new and modern house that now graces the Market Square.

Only a few fourth year men and B.A.'s can remember the Vic as it originally stood, for it closed down in April of 1929, and re-opened in its present form in the last week of August, a fitting contribution to the many entertainment palaces which abound in Cambridge.

The building is more than a cinema, as it incorporates a large bar and lounge, a commodious foyer, and hall planned as a restaurant, but not yet complete, and probably to be converted into a dance floor. It has taken over two years to build, and has been erected at a cost of almost £100,000.

The cinema itself has been built on essentially modern lines, and on the plan of similar institutions in the West End. It seats 1,500 people, having floor accommodation for 1,000 persons and a balcony containing an additional 500 seats. The front seats are built in a slight circle, so as to give a perfect view of the screen from all angles.

A spacious orchestra pit is incorporated, and full provision has been made for the housing of a band, should the orchestra return to favour in cinema performances. The stage is hidden by a richly ornamented curtain, which, operated from the projection box, opens to reveal the screen.

The decoration and general design is vivid and original. The predominating colour is red,

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	Vic
Seats: Stalls	
Balcony	
Sound Equipment	West

The organ is on a lift which raises the console out of the orchestra pit on to a level with the stage. Ten minutes of music from this instrument is incorporated in every programme.

The sound equipment has been fitted by Western Electric, whose machines are still in the forefront of all talkie sets. The usual equipment has been installed, the sound being controlled from the projection box behind the balcony. This apparatus and the general lighting of the theatre is done on the town electrical supply, but a six cylinder 60 h.p. motor has been incorporated so as to guarantee the more vital lighting and enable the pro-

c.76.5 : theatre
c.76.9: cinemas

c.83 : Religion

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Holy Trinity Church spire repairs *10267*

c.83 : religion

headlines

Congregationalism in Cambridge during C17 – history – 37 05 27a
Bernard Nutter – Story of Cambridge Baptists – review 12 11 01c & d

1885 Cambridge Salvation Army's earliest days, 50 years ago were recalled by the Mayor, Ald Ralph Starr. He told how a band from Liverpool had come to give them a send-off: "I remember seeing them go down King Street, a singing multitude of people thronging around the band, who were trying to play, and some lads and lasses marching behind. The crowd were not only hustling and pushing them but dealing out blows to those who were playing. Several bandsmen had blood on their faces, but they did not retaliate. It was that which affected me most", he said. 35 04 29

1888 Jewish congregation founded

c.83: religion

St Barnabas fire, Aug 1966

Library users 1905

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c.77.4 : libraries

note: items in [...] from Cambridge News Library index cards

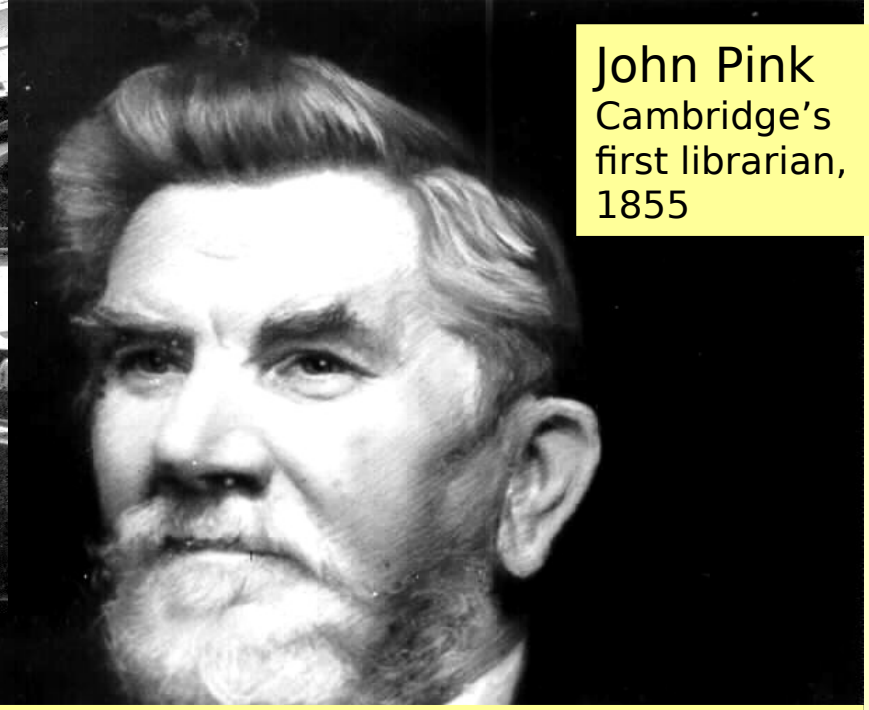
headlines

1894 Free Library open to those living in country Ch 5.1.894 p8

1895 New Cherry Hinton reading room opened [2.1]
1895 Boots subscription libraries opened Cambridge 1895 – feature – 88 06 30

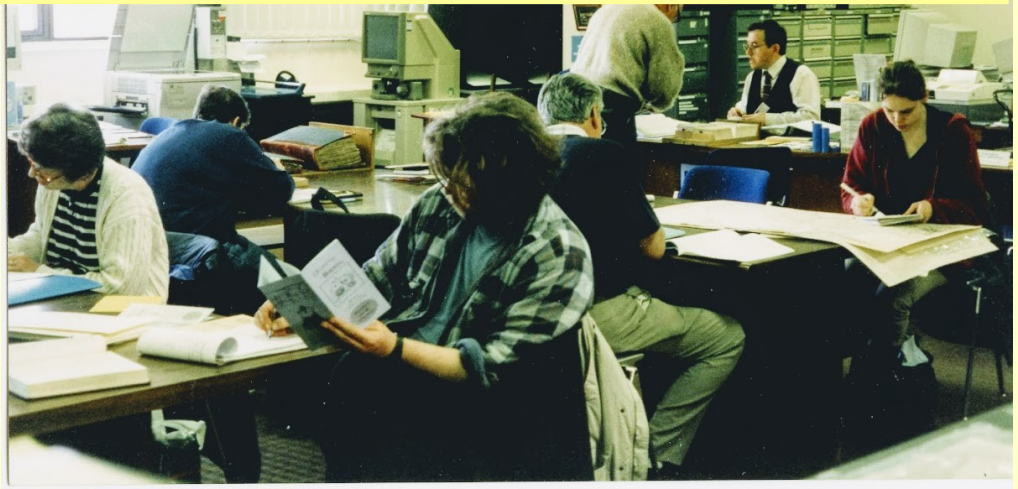
1897 Mill Road library opened, Barnwell reading room closed, June, Barnwell reading room reopened, November [1.3,2.2]

c.77.4: libraries



John Pink
Cambridge's first librarian, 1855

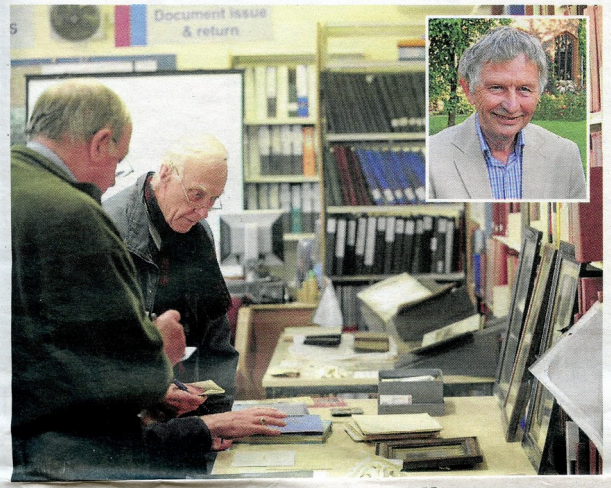
Since 1855 Cambridge Public Library has collected books, articles, newspapers, pictures, maps and ephemera relating to Cambridge and its County.



The Cambridgeshire Collection has remained in the Central Library despite proposals to move it to a new Archives Centre in Ely. But its staff have been cut and the material is locked away largely unappreciated.

HERITAGE

Fears for future of history collection over staff cuts



HISTORIC: Plans to relocate the Cambridgeshire Archives, main picture, were approved last year. Now local historian Mike Petty, inset, is raising concerns over the future of the Cambridgeshire Collection

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COUNCIL staff responsible for running the Cambridgeshire Collection are set to have their hours cut.

The collection, which is based at Cambridge's Central Library, was, up until a few years ago, run by at least five people employed full-time by Cambridgeshire County Council.

But in a bid to save cash, the authority is planning to change the staffing arrangements to just one part-time librarian and three part-time assistants to oversee the collection.

Local historian Mike Petty MBE – the man who has spent more than 30 years building up the prestigious collection – is concerned.

Mr Petty, from Stretham, said: "I think the council is forgetting that this is one of the best collections of historic material in the world.

"The excellent small team of part-timers will continue to retrieve and re-file each postcard or pamphlet from the store, but it will be many months before they have the opportunity to appreciate the full extent of the resources to which they hold the key – and much longer before they can advise researchers on its use.

"The amount of material in the collection is vast and I'm seriously concerned people are going to struggle to keep on top of it all if they are only working part-time.

"What sort of future is this for Cambridgeshire's past?"

Last year, the county council's plans to relocate the Cambridgeshire Archives were approved – a move which will see the archives moving from the basement at Shire Hall to a purpose-built new building in Angel Drove, Ely, where Strikes Bowling Alley currently is.

The authority was also planning on moving the Cambridgeshire Collection there.

However, following uproar from Mr Petty and other campaigners, the plans were dropped.

A county council spokesman said: "We recently conducted a public consultation to ask local residents their opinions on proposed changes to Cambridgeshire Archives and Local Studies.

"Over 200 people responded and we're using the feedback to help make decisions about the massive budget challenge facing the council.

"The Cambridgeshire Collection at Central Library will retain a part-time professional librarian and be supported by three part-time assistants – all dedicated to the development of the Local Studies collections and ensuring public access and interpretations continues.

"The service is keen to continue to work with supporters and researchers who have responded with ideas for the future of the collection."

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TRAVEL

Delays after swan hit by train

Central library protest forces council rethink

JON VALE

A DECISION to replace part of Cambridge Central Library's third floor with an enterprise centre has been put on hold.

Protesters were successful in getting the decision reviewed after an appeal to Cambridgeshire County Council on Tuesday.

The proposals would have leased some 60 per cent of the third floor to Kora – part of the Regus group – for an enterprise centre to help the out-of-work, with the county council being paid an annual service charge and taking a slice of any income.

But there has been anger about the lack of consultation over the plans, which senior officers and Tory councillors admit to have known about for at least 18 months.

"The people of Cambridge have not been consulted about this move at all," said Cllr Amanda Taylor, who called the decision in.

"Even councillors charged on the highways and community infrastructure committee to make a decision were only given information a week before the meeting. Yet county council officers – and some members of the Conservative group – knew about the plans and had been talking to Kora for at least 18 months.

"Most ridiculous of all was the idea that we had to agree it because negotiations were so far down the line that the councillors' reputation was on the line. I wonder what sort of reputation you thought they were defending."

Cllr Steve Criswell pointed out that the possibility of an enterprise centre had been public knowledge since the turn of the year, but Cllr Taylor said that specific talk of private involvement was only mentioned a week prior to the committee meeting in March, when the committee agreed to the plans.

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However, a motion from committee chairman Cllr Roger Hickford means that the decision was delayed until the same committee's meeting in June.

A consultation over the future of the library service is likely to be extended past its current end of April closing date.

A petition signed by almost 3,500 people was presented to the general purposes committee on Tuesday opposing the plans, although the wording of the petition was criticised given it included words such as "unethical" and "privatisation".

A range of public facilities would still be available on the third floor under Kora's control, while only a very small amount of stock is at risk of being lost under the plans.

Most facilities will be redistributed elsewhere, although the cafe will close.

Cllr Ed Cearns said: "I'm all for innovation ... but I do not think we should be doing those things to the detriment of the people who we're here to serve.

"I find it extraordinary that we've gone 18 months or more without consulting with those who actually will be affected by this."

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Allotment plot stops plane disaster

The Dornier that crashed

Veg save pilots in German crash – 1944

BELIEVED damaged by anti-aircraft fire over the London area, a German raider, thought to be a Dornier 217, crashed on some allotments in the country late last night.

The crew bailed out and were later captured between London and Cambridge, and the plane narrowly missed roofs of houses as it crashed on the soft ground of the allotments. As it was, only a concrete post at the foot of a private garden prevented to plane from continuing another 100-ft into a row of houses.

An air raid warden said: "I was on patrol with another ward when I heard a plane rattling. It seemed to be getting lower and lower and then I heard a sort of mild crash.

"I knew it was very close to the houses so we went through a hedge and on the allotments saw the outline of the machine. Incendiary bombs, which lay all around the plane, made investigation difficult but it was established pretty soon that there were none of the crew left on board."

Police and members of the Civil Defence Service helped form a cordon round the machine until it had been examined by R.A.F. experts when an armed guard was posted.

In view of the possibility of time bombs having been left on the plane, wardens warned occupants of all houses in the district to open windows and were out again at first light to search for any bombs or other objects that might have been flung from the machine.

Dark, dismal, worn out Guildhall – 1932

APART from the large hall and council chamber, the Cambridge Guildhall is worn out and absolutely unsuitable.

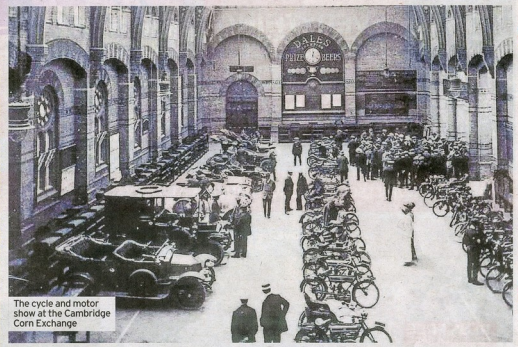
The accommodation in every department is deplorable – dark, dismal, horrid, unlit and unhealthy.

On Castle Hill, there was a fine new building being erected for the county council who were planning to spend £8,000 on furnishing alone.

Never since the war had prices in the building trade been lower; this was the right moment to consider rebuilding, councillors were told.

The old Guildhall in the 1930s

Little Shelford Hall



The cycle and motor show at the Cambridge Corn Exchange

Pantry fire hindered by thick fog – 1929

A DISASTROUS fire occurred at the hall in Little Shelford in the early hours of Sunday morning with the result that the building was almost completely gutted.

It was discovered by Mme Carne, the governess, who, with the butler and the maid, were immediately above the fire.

Captain and Mrs Gordon Dill removed their children to safety in the lodge. While waiting for the fire brigade, which was delayed owing to the terribly thick fog, the occupants attempted to subdue the outbreak, then confined to the pantry, with buckets of water.

But the heat melted a lead pipe and the cistern emptied so water had to be fetched from a cottage about 30 yards away. The building is 71 years old, being erected in the grounds of the old hall which was pulled down in 1858.

Big moves at Soham Grammar – 1927

TUESDAY was a red-letter day in the honoured history of Soham Grammar School, the valuable work of which is no longer carried on in the old surroundings but in that palatial structure known as Beechurst, standing in its own picturesque grounds.

The history of the school went back to the 17th century. It was owing to the Bedford Level Commissioners that land was vested in the Lord of the Manor to provide a school to train apprentices.

In 1687, the Exchequer vested the foundation in the body of trustees and, in 1699, the school was erected. It carried on that work until 1878 when a scheme was drawn up under the Endowed School act. At that time, the school was known as Soham Moor School.

In 1909, a new scheme was drawn up and provision was made that its endowment should be administered under the name of Soham Grammar School. The school carried on its extremely valuable work until 1916 when it transferred to the county council. Since then and during the tenure of the present headmaster, it has grown in numbers and importance.

The President of the Board of Education honoured the occasion with his presence and spoke of the progressive spirit of the headmaster Mr. J. Clement Pratt. He was generally highly impressed with the general tone of the school, its lofty spick and span classrooms and particularly its important aim at imparting knowledge expressly suited to the requirements of the district.

The events which led up to the purchase of Beechurst were the increasing number of boys in attendance and the overcrowding of the school buildings, even the laboratory and two rooms in the People's Hall were used as a form-room and, not only were these crowded, but unsuitable in every way.

In 1921, inspectors suggested definite improvements but the economy campaign prevented any immediate steps and it was not until 1924 that proposals were put forward for extensions to the school buildings to include new classrooms. Plans had already been prepared when two other properties were offered to the governors. One of these was Beechurst.

As great as have been the educational achievements of the school in the past, they should be even greater in the future because the buildings lend themselves to the health and happiness of the boys whose good fortune it is to be there.

Crowds wowed at motor show – 1902

THE cycle and motor show at the Cambridge Corn Exchange has undoubtedly caught on; those who do not cycle are a steadily decreasing minority, while motorists are daily increasing in number.

Messrs Macintosh are exhibiting a Sunbeam Mabley motor car which is a very handsome-looking vehicle with several distinctive features. The riders are in a position to face each other, although occupying different ends of the motor.

The car is not of extraordinary width and can be manipulated with the greatest ease; a small exhibition run was made even on the limited floor space of the now-crowded Corn Exchange.

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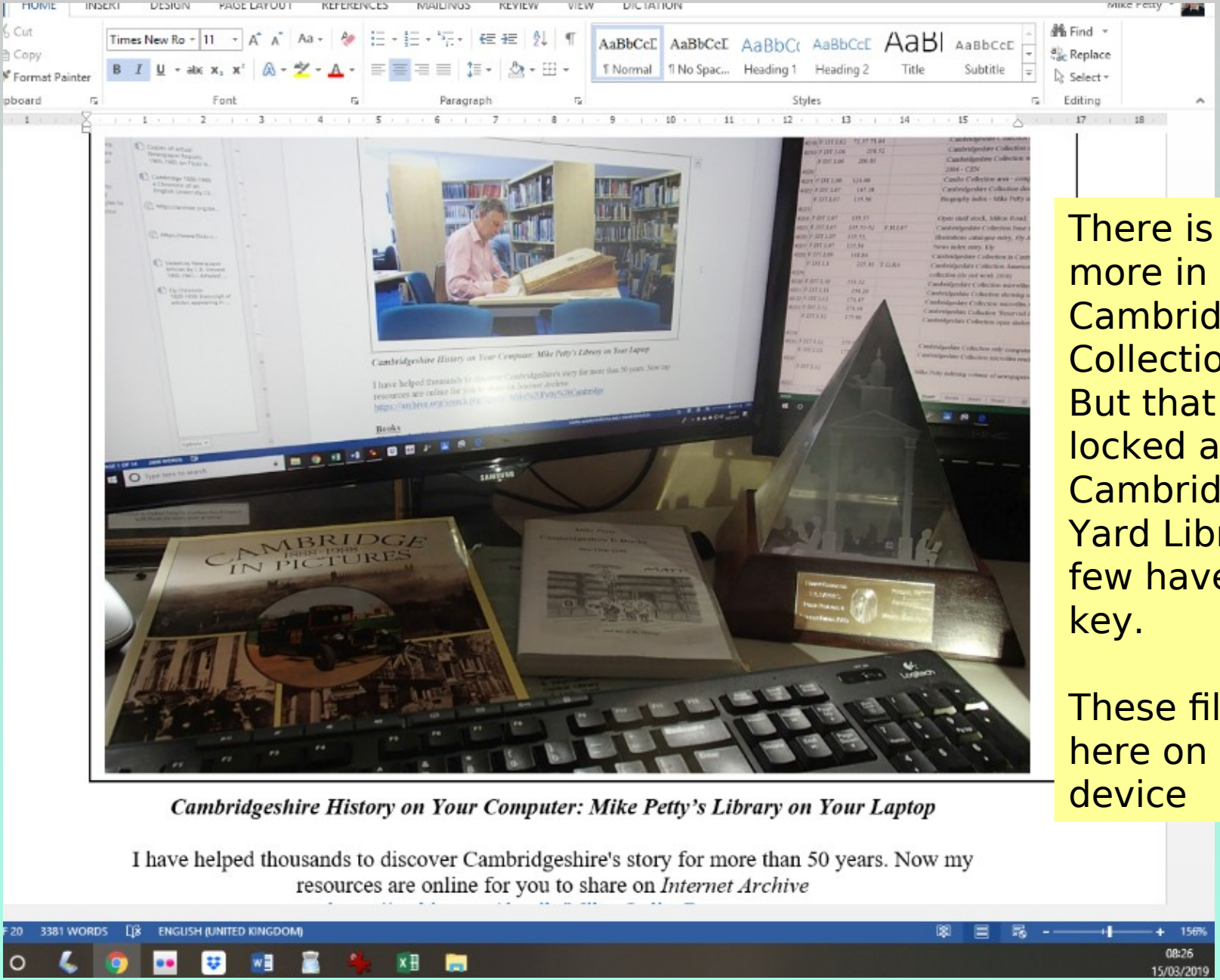
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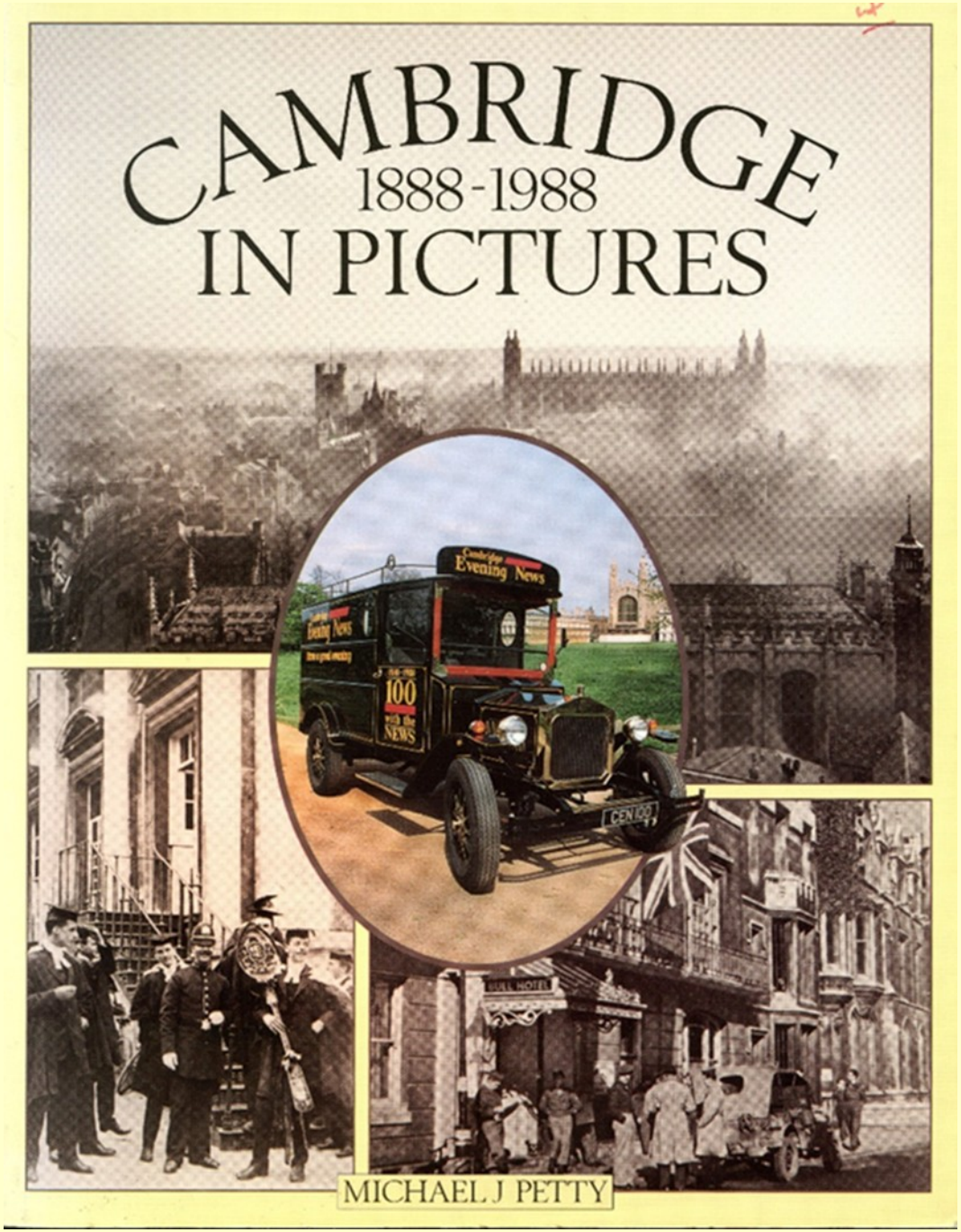

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And because of the Librarians who compiled newspaper cuttings and indexes.

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News is available online but the ability to put information in its historical context has been lost.

Charles Henry Cooper compiled ***Annals of Cambridge*** recording events from the earliest time to 1856.
Cambridge 1888-1988: a Chronicle continues the record.

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